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Vital public inquiry into Barry energy plant is under way

REPORT by GEM staff

A PUBLIC inquiry opened in Barry this week to decide whether an energy plant should be allowed to go ahead in the docks area.

Sunrise Renewables Ltd wants to build a nine mega-watt plant at Woodham Road.

Last year, the Vale Council's planning committee turned the proposal down, but the company appealed.

On Tuesday (June 8), the inquiry began the process of listening to the arguments and sifting through the evidence presented by both the company and those opposed to the plant.

Keith Stockdale the Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth co-ordinator, said: "Hundreds of letters of objection and statements have been presented to the inspector.

"Several individuals and groups have also been given the right to address the inquiry."

Friends of the Earth claim the plant would be a "large and noisy" industrial plant running through the night within the range of many houses.

Last year, a petition of 1,050 signatures was gathered by protesters opposed to the plant.

The Vale MP, Alun Cairns, who backs the residents' campaign, was planning to give evidence to the inquiry today (June 10).

In considering its appeal, Sunrise Renewables (Barry) Ltd argued that the planning committee "clearly went against the technical advice of officers".

The incinerator, if built, would be in the ward of Coun Chris Elmore, who said: "I hope that the inspector will listen to the arguments put forward by local residents, the Vale Council and local groups like Friends of the Earth.

"It is important in my view that the inspector understands the strength of feeling from the overwhelming majority of residents who are opposed to this development."

Keith Stockdale added: "It is time for the inspector to hear the voice of the people, as the inquiry is in public.

"Hearing those voices, and the arguments, the inspector must surely decide this incinerator is in the wrong place and confirm the Vale Council's refusal."

The Vale AM, Jane Hutt, said that she would be supporting Coun Chris Elmore and other objectors at the inquiry. She has submitted her objection to the Planning Inspectorate.

Photograph by GLYN EVANS

ABOVE: The protestors show their opposition to the energy plant.

Couple were 'terrified' by intruders

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A COUPLE were terrified in their Barry home when two people, one armed with a clawhammer, another with a cricket bat, burst in as they watched television.

The man with the hammer, 18-year-old Danny Vaughan, of Barry, was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court to 14 months in a young offender institution, after pleading guilty to charges of affray and possessing an offensive weapon.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones said Vaughan and another man had invaded the house in search of someone who had "welshed" on a drugs deal.

"It must have been absolutely terrifying for those completely innocent people," he said.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that on January 10 at about 5.30pm, Dafydd Evans and his friend Suzanne Brannigan were watching television when Vaughan and another man burst in.

They were furious and shouting: "*Where is he, where is he*?"

The person they wanted was not there, said Mr Thomas.

One of the intruders then grabbed Ms Brannigan's mobile phone and calmly left.

The pair had no idea why the incident occurred and said: "We did nothing to deserve that."

Fortunately, Mr Evans recognised Vaughan from his schooldays.

When arrested, he denied being involved and suggested an alibi.

He said he had gone to that house the day before to buy "weed".

Vaughan's counsel, David Purnell, said: "Before this, he had led a blameless existence.

"He comes from a good, supportive family, upon whom he has brought shame

"He realises the effect of his offending and accepts he intimidated and terrified the couple.

"The other person was the prime mover. He has learnt his lesson."

ONE WEEKEND, TWO RESCUES

THE life of a man fishing from a kayak off Cold Knap may have been saved because he was wearing a life jacket.

The incident happened at 12.45pm on Friday, June 4, Gerry Adams of Barry Dock Lifeboat Station reported: "Unfortunately, the kayak rolled over, putting the occupant in the water.

"The incident was spotted from the shoreline and a 999 call prompted the launch of the lifeboat and two pilot boats by HM Coastguard.

"The man, who was wearing a lifejacket, was spotted and picked up by the lifeboat a quarter of a mile from his kayak. It then picked up the kayak and returned to Barry harbour," he said.

"It is so important that when people partake in any maritime activity, that lifejackets are used. The water is still very cold and if the person had become unconscious, he could have drowned – the lifejacket gave the man a chance of being found alive."

In a separate incident the night before, Barry Dock Lifeboat went to the assistance of a yacht after its engine had seized off Rhoose Point.

The wind had dropped and prevented use of the sail.

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'Inappropriate' name change at West Camp,

THE Ministry of Defence proposes to change the name of 'West Camp' at MoD St Athan to 'Churchill Lines'.

The Community Council has been informed that despite consultation with various parties, all those consulted gave their support to this proposal.

That is, all except Llanmaes Community Council.

Llanmaes Community Council was unable to support such an inappropriate name change to an establishment in Wales, given the fact that Churchill, whilst Home Secretary, sent the army to suppress an industrial dispute between the South Wales miners and the mine owners; and although this took place a century ago, there is still a strong feeling of animosity towards Winston Churchill.

I am informed that despite this council's opposition, the name change will go ahead, although it will be carried out as a 'low key' exercise.

Jackie Griffin
(Clerk to Llanmaes Community Council)

Caravan park, yes, but not at Porthkerry!

ABOUT 40 years ago, it looked like Butlins were interested in setting up in Porthkerry Park, Barry, but it was not acceptable and was rejected!

A few years later, it was suggested that a caravan park could be put there, but that was rejected – partly, I believe, because it meant that day visitors would only be able to use the road and it would be a danger to walkers, cyclists and particularly children.

There was, and is, only one access road as the road past Egerton Grey is a private one.

The park is not a commercial area, it is a natural area, unlike Cosmeston Park.

The reason for putting a caravan park on Barry Island is obviously to the benefit of the local traders, and hopefully to help bring much-needed revenue to the area.

If it followed a similar format to the site at Fontygary, there is no reason why a swimming pool and other facilities could be incorporated in the plan, but it would have to be properly managed, and policed!

The sporting facilities could be used by the general public as an added bonus.

Please leave Porthkerry Park as a quiet area and let us maintain its status as an area of outstanding natural beauty!

Mrs DE Coombes
Herridge, Barry

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'Half truths and distortions' about Europe

'Let's deal with facts, not press propaganda'

SO the 'little Englanders' have started! I was waiting for RH Bradshaw, or one of the many other anti-Europeans, to respond to Vivien Pernas (The GEM, May 13).

For too long we have been fed a diet of lies, half-truths and distortions by the right wing press in this country.

Mr Bradshaw does not postulate what sort of alternative grouping we should belong to; presumably he believes that Britain – even Wales, England or Scotland – can 'go it alone'.

The world is changing, and the coming nations are the far-east tigers with huge populations – China and India, who feed the UK demand for cheap manufactured goods.

These countries, together with an increasingly united and independent South America, will have far more influence over our future economic and political well-being than any actions taken by UK politicians.

Can anybody even consider a Britain that sets its own interest rates without considering what is happening in the rest of the world?

The only way we will make our voice heard in the future is as part of a powerful economic bloc, that just might be able to compete and protect our interests.

I find it highly amusing that Mr Bradshaw accuses European institutions of economic incompetence.

Does he not read the reports of the Public Accounts committee that regularly lambast UK governments, of all shades, for the gross mismanagement of the taxes we pay?

What is the difference between this and the EU? At least the EU tries to prepare an accounting for the money it spends; in this country, economic and fiscal incompetence is hidden behind a veil of secrecy.

Mr Bradshaw also has a go at European arrest warrants.

While there have been some abuses, like the Garry Mann case, it has played a major part in closing down the Costa Del Crime and in quickly getting suspected terrorists back from other European countries.

To mention Habeas Corpus, when the European Courts have been a bastion against the gross abuse of our historical rights by UK governments, is nothing short of a disgrace.

If we're going to have a debate about Europe, let us at least debate on the facts, not on the propaganda put out by the right wing press.

David Kennett,
Barry

Road safety was on the agenda

THE Vale scrutiny committee economy and environment met at Dyffryn Gardens on May 25 and were given a briefing and tour of the gardens, before the meeting in the Cory education centre.

The gardens were a lovely sight and we heard of the plans for a new glasshouse for the walled garden area.

We discussed the outcome of the Penarth task and finish group and members asked for specific dates on implementation of decisions from cabinet. We also discussed the Barry Docks link road and were joined by Coun Anne Moore who initially instigated the 'call in' of the issue. We were given an update by the head of visible services and discussed the safety issues at length.

I suggested that we instal warning signs to alert drivers of the dangers of this road, as an interim measure, while surveys are completed to make the road safer, and members agreed unanimously.

We were also given a presentation on cycling by the operational manager and learned that the department had won a national award for our cycling policies and improvements.

I hope that your readers may find this of interest.

Coun Chris Williams
(Chairman, scrutiny committee economy and environment)

Film reviewer was 'biased' against movie

ON behalf of all the women who attended the opening of 'Sex and the City 2' in Cardiff on May 28, who comprised women of all ages, colours, shapes and sizes (and the many gay guys!) who laughed, cheered and whooped through this hilarious and witty film and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, I felt compelled to respond to Mr Jamieson's pompous, boring and pointless rant, slating this film in The GEM.

We get it, Mr Jamieson, you didn't like it ... well, most women would love it – just as most women don't like boring, gadget filled blokey films (or football!).

Your review was one–sided and boring; send a woman to review it, especially one who loves shoes, cocktails and shopping. You would get a different review.

Here's to 'Sex and the City 3!'

Christine Joyce
Barry Island

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
10 Thur	05.21	8.4	17.39	8.7
11 Fri	06.09	8.8	18.26	9.1
12 Sat	06.55	9.4	19.17	9.5
13 Sun	07.41	9.4	20.02	9.4
14 Mon	08.23	9.7	20.49	9.8
15 Tues	09.11	9.9	21.29	9.9
16 Wed	10.03	9.5	22.23	9.5
17 Thur	10.45	9.4	23.12	9.3

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To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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Look behind the scenes at town council

Barry's mayor invites public 'to come and view your history...'

Interview by TIM CHAPMAN

THE new Mayor of Barry is inviting the public to an 'open day' on Saturday, June 19, which will be an opportunity to view many items of interest that have been donated to the town council over the years.

Coun Karl Kuhnell told The GEM: "Among the many pieces on display will be paintings, various pieces of artwork, photographs, regalia, silverware and artefacts.

"Councillors and staff will be on hand to give background information on the items.

"It is the first time the town council has had a day like this, and people of all generations will find something of interest to view."

Among the open day's exhibits are a National Eisteddfod carved bardic chair from 1920; the last piece of coal from the Gwendraeth Valley which was presented to the council when the last pit closed in 1992; the ceremonial mace; an original painting – 'Freedom Flypast' – donated by the RAF; photographs of previous Barry councils; and a set of imperial brass measures made in 1887.

Coun Kuhnell added: "There will also be the opportunity for people to handle some of the pieces."

The bardic chair is a particular favourite of councillors. It is a valuable council heirloom.

In 1920, when the National Eisteddfod was held in Barry, there was no designated winner of the chair, and so it remains with the town council. The four foot mace was donated to the town by the Earl of Plymouth in 1939.

Many of the exhibits echo the town's history. Two model ships – the Jedmoor and the Baron Dechmont – recall it's proud maritime connections.

Coun Kuhnell is looking forward to his year in office, and has announced the good causes that will receive his backing.

"I expect to be attending an average of three events a week through the summer, but it tends to get busier in the autumn.

"The two charities I have decided to support this year are Barry Beavers Disabled Swimmers' Club and Barry Ladies Choir.

"The former does great work in children's activity and the choir is one of the town's great local organisations."

ABOVE: The Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell, is inviting people to view some of the town council's artefacts and items of interest at an open day.

WORK STARTS ON £1m LEARNING CENTRE

BUILDING work is starting on a £1 million centre at Aberthaw Power Station – where children and adults can learn about energy and its impact on the environment.

The centre, to be called ACE2 (Aberthaw Centre for Energy and Environment), will be opened later this year and will provide an important new resource for schools and community groups in South Wales.

RWE npower, owner of Aberthaw Power Station, commissioned the building, which has been designed by civil engineering firm Jones Bros of Ruthin, Denbighshire, using local South Wales architects Loyn & Co. Jones Bros will also construct it using environmentally sound methods.

A two-metre high bank of Pulverised Fuel Ash from the power station is being recycled to provide material for the foundations and Furnace Bottom Ash from the power station will be used to construct the centre's car park.

Once constructed, the building will be insulated with recycled papermache material; heated by energy-saving air heat pumps mounted in a 15m high fin and cooled by ducts on the roof designed to catch the wind. Rainwater will be captured for use in the toilets.

Power station manager Phil Allen said: "We have wanted to provide this facility for the local community for a long time and it is fantastic to see it now under construction.

"We are looking forward to welcoming the first people to use the centre in the autumn."

'Take wider picture at Nell's Point' – call

THE Vale Council has been urged to "take the wider picture into consideration" when deciding the future of Barry Island's Nell's Point.

Dr Ian Johnston (Plaid Cymru) said that Vale residents have until June 30 to respond to a report published on the council's website.

"I welcome the fact that the Vale Council are finally being pro–active about the situation on Barry Island, but such a narrow focus will lead to decisions that prioritise the short–term rather than restore Barry to its former glory," he claimed.

"Instead of concentrating solely on the Nell's Point site, the council should be looking more widely at the situation facing the Island, the Waterfront and the town centre and draw up development plans accordingly. Indeed, this is something noted by the external consultants."

His comments were supported by Plaid councillors, Nic Hodges and Steffan Wiliam, who represent Barry Island on the Vale Council, who said that more should be done to promote Island tourism.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sequence dance at Castleland

CASTLELAND Community Association are holding a sequence dance at Castleland Community Centre on Tuesday, June 15 at 1.30pm-3.30pm; admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Church open day at Old Cogan

THERE will be free admission on open day at St Peter's Church, Old Cogan on Saturday, July 10 from 2pm-5pm to hear the story of the oldest building in Penarth and browse stalls while listening to the New Georgia Jazz Band.

£1million Barry landmark scheme welcomed by MP

A £1MILLION scheme to save one of the most important industrial landmarks in Barry has been welcomed by Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The GEM reported last week that the scheme, funded by the Vale Council and the Welsh Assembly Government, would see the renovation of The Pumphouse, which was part of the old docks complex.

Mr Cairns said: "This is good news for campaigners such as Pride in Barry, who have been fighting to save an iconic building and make it the centrepiece of the Waterfront Heritage area.

"This scheme is part of the exciting things that are happening in this part of town. The important thing now is to focus on what happens to the building once it is renovated, and a lot of thought needs to go into its future use."

Mr Cairns said that things were happening in Barry: "We have seen plans come forward for the old Butlins site on Barry Island and I welcome proposals for a caravan park and hotel. I am pleased that the Vale Council is actively working up plans for the island.

"However, there must be input from local traders and residents to ensure that what takes place also benefits them. Barry has one of the best beaches in South Wales and the no-alcohol zone there is proving a big success.

"Barry needs to reclaim its position as one of the leading seaside resorts in Wales and the schemes coming forward now will help it do so," he commented.

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HOLTON PRIMARY DANCE THROUGH THE AGES!

JUNIOR children who have attended Holton Primary school's weekly dance club entertained peers and family on Friday.

Children over the last six months have studied different types of dance; this culminated in them working together on the choreography for a final dance extravaganza.

Mr Gilbert thanked Mrs Hopkins, the LSA who ran the club, alongside two pupils from Bryn Hafren, S Abdulla and L Gibbs.

VALEWAYS WALKS

ON June 19 at 2pm, Cardiff Bay circular – start at Penarth Barrage car park (fee payable).

June 22, 1.30pm, Sully beach – start at the Sully Inn car park, Sully.

June 24, 7pm, Pentre Meyrick, Llangan, Twmpath – start at the roadside in Pentre Meyrick (Grid ref 966760).

Please note you may encounter stiles, uneven surfaces, steep sections or soft, wet ground on some walks.

Group- photo with FC Salt.

Barry boys bask in the Barcelona sunshine

RECENTLY, 40 Barry Comprehensive School pupils, chosen from years-7 and 8, travelled to northern Spain for the fifth annual football tour of Barcelona.

Leaving Barry by coach at 10pm on the Monday (due to the volcanic 'ash' issue) did little to dampen the spirits on the way to Dover and by the time the group arrived in Barcelona itself the level of anticipation had reached fever pitch!

The boys had the treat of staying in the picturesque surroundings of Club Aire Libre, where the team had the opportunity to relax between fixtures with a variety of activities including golf, basketball, swimming and table tennis.

Aside from all the activity and excitement, the boys had training every morning on a superb pitch as well as fixtures against two of the regions top sides in FC Tossa and FC Salt.

In game one, FC Salt fielded a strong side, which our combined year-7 and 8 team dispatched in a highly competitive fixture.

In match two, all of the squad were involved against a very experienced club side in FC Tossa. Barry managed to record a victory against FC Tossa side for the first time in five attempts with a 1-0 victory!

Ryan, Bradley and Daniel outside the club megastore.

Bradley Enticott was the scorer with a stunning drive that nestled in the top corner!

On the final day, the group were extremely excited for their visit to the Nou Camp, home of FC Barca. A fantastic tour of the stadium including a visit to the changing rooms, trophy room and a chance to see first hand the expansive Nou Camp playing surface, ended with a chance to buy Barcelona merchandise in the club megastore.

So, another successful tour and a fabulous experience for the boys. All members of the squad showed a great deal of maturity on and off the pitch and Mr Ingle and the rest of the staff were delighted with the boys overall attitude. Well done to all involved and roll on April 2011!

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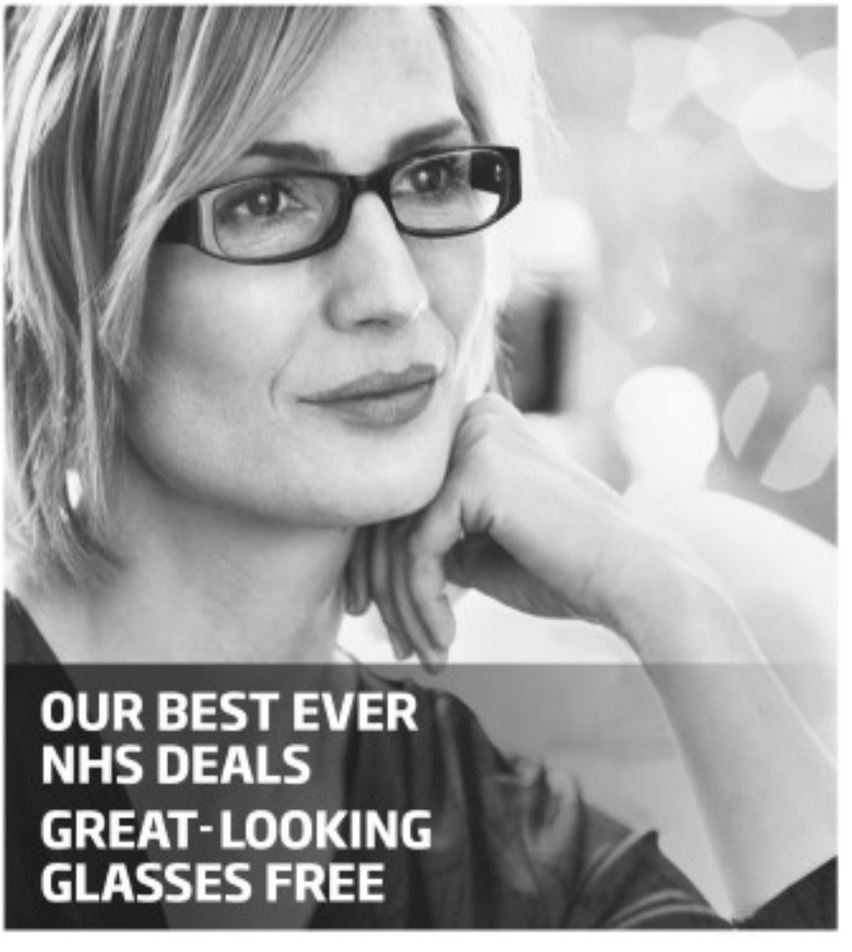

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ST ATHAN MAN'S MARATHON CYCLE RIDE FOR HIS WIFE

A St Athan man has completed an epic 515 mile cycle challenge – and all for the love of his wife!

Nick Wager, a sergeant at MoD St Athan, wanted to support his wife Melanie, who is a kidney patient at the University Hospital of Cardiff.

So Nick decided to tackle a five day marathon cycle, in which he visited all of the 14 dialysis units in Wales, to raise money for one of the country's most deserving causes.

Nick, who began the ride in Llantrisant and ended it in Cardiff on June 5, explained: "Every penny is important for Kidney Wales, but I feel it is also important to raise awareness. Joining the Organ Donor Register could make such a difference to someone like my wife, by giving her another chance of life.

"The first day was difficult to plan heading west from Llantrisant because I couldn't go on the M4. When I hit the hills in Carmarthen, I learned to love them – it gave the ride some variety!

"On the next day, I was looking forward to seeing Pembrokeshire National Park, but there was reduced visibility.

"The comedian Eddie Izzard recently did walking marathons day after day, and said you get used to it. That's true, the body gets accustomed to the physical side of it.

"It wasn't a race, it was a test of endurance and I kept up an average speed of 15mph."

The couple went round Wales in a clockwise direction taking in Haverfordwest, Aberystwyth, Porthmadog, Bangor and Wrexham, before heading homeward.

During the trip Melanie, who acted as a roadie and masseuse in the couple's VW campervan, had a dialysis session in Bodelwyddan.

ABOVE: Nick and Melanie Wager completed a marathon trip around Wales for Kidney Wales with Nick cycling and Melanie acting as roadie.

Melanie has lived with renal failure for the past 22 years and has been waiting for her third kidney transplant for the past five years.

Unlike most people suffering with renal failure, Melanie is able to dialyse at home. This is only possible with the support of her husband Nick, who juggles a full time service career with caring for her.

Melanie said: "Nick has supported me through thick and thin. However, I live in hope that tomorrow might be the day my phone rings calling me to the hospital.

"Tomorrow might be the day I stop monitoring every mouthful I eat and every millilitre I drink!"

Melanie longs for the day when she isn't dependent on a machine to keep her alive. "Tomorrow might be the day my husband stops being my carer and goes back to being my partner."

If people would like to support Nick and Melanie they should go to: www.everydayhero.co.uk/nickwager. For more information about organ donation please go to: www.donatewales.org ***TIM CHAPMAN***

Resident's theory of flood prevention at cemetery

A BARRY resident says the town council should consider building 'gravel-filled trenches' at the cemetery to prevent flooding, rather than quadrupling the size of the ornamental pond.

ABOVE: Mr Evans took this picture of theornamental pond area.

Bryn Evans lives within a stone's throw of the cemetery and several members of his family are buried there.

He told The GEM that he was concerned about the cost of increasing the size of the pond when there might be a simpler alternative.

He explained: "When I saw The GEM on May 20, I could not believe what I was reading.

"An architect and consultant addressed the amenities committee meeting and gave a presentation on the proposed drainage system in the new extension of the cemetery, and were proposing that the pond be enlarged by four times the current capacity.

"I would like to ask what this mudhole has cost the taxpayers so far?"

In the story on May 20, Coun Shirley Hodges had explained that the idea of the pond was to encourage biodiversity and wildlife, and that by enlargening the pond to four times the size, it would allow excess water to flow into the drainage system at the same rate as before.

Mr Evans claims that the cemetery is full of wildlife anyway, and that there is a better method of dealing with flooding.

"If the Victorian sewerage system was updated by Welsh Water, and a series of 'soakaways' were constructed using the natural lie of the land, it would end the problem once and for all."

Mr Evans suggests a series of 'gravel-filled trenches' running down the roadways – which could "even end in the so-called ornamental biodiversity pond".

Anthea Clements and Graham Benfield, chief executive of Wales Council for Voluntary Action, are pictured with AM Jane Hutt.

Praise for HUB chief's mentor role

ANTHEA Clements, thechief executive at Barry YMCA HUB, is one of only five mentors from the UK, out of hundreds of applicants from across the four nations, to take part in a Europe-wide mentoring programme called Participation for Change.

She was congratulated at a meeting with Jane Hutt AM, who said: "The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) is leading the Europe wide mentoring programme, which is a joint project between the UK, Estonia, Slovenia, Germany and Poland.

"This initiative will provide a forum for civil society organisations to exchange a wide range of ideas as well as closer collaboration on issues facing European communities."

BIG SCREEN EVENT

BIG SCREEN's presentation for this season is Me and Orson Welles (Cert 12) which will be shown on Thursday, June 17 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

No soft centres here, but life enhancing and arguably one of the best films about the theatre there is. Doors open 7.10pm. Tickets £3 (available in advance from the town clerk's office, or on the door).

Police chief comes 'home' for crucial communities role

DETECTIVE Chief Inspector Marc Lamerton, who began his career in Barry in 1995, has recently joined the Bridgend and Vale division, to head up criminal justice and communities and partnerships in both counties.

DCI Lamerton lives in Llantwit Major and has spent the last three years working in South Wales Police Public Protection department, tackling the issues of domestic abuse and managing dangerous offenders.

He previously worked in CID and in uniform in Pontypridd, Merthyr Tydfil and the Rhondda Valleys.

"I'm really pleased to be back working here. Bridgend and the Vale is a fantastic place to work," he commented.

"In the short time I've been here, I can see how committed the staff are.

"I look forward to harnessing that to improve performance even more than has already been achieved.

"I'm particularly looking forward to working with our partners in Safer Bridgend and Vale in tackling key issues such as reducing anti-social behaviour and increasing confidence within our communities.

"I also want to build on the successes that have already been achieved in Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan, so that it maintains its reputation as a safe place to live, work and visit."

DCI Marc Lamerton.

RNLI collection

FUNDRAISERS from the RNLI Barry fundraising branch will undertake their annual house-to-house collections in Barry and Rhoose from June 14-26 to help keep the Lifeboats on continuous call, 365 days a year, 24 hours per day.

Spokeswoman Jennie Williams said: "The RNLI is a registered charity, which exists to save lives at sea. It receives no funding from the Government and relies on voluntary contributions for its income. This year it will cost around £123 million a year, or £339,000 a day, to run the lifeboat service.

"Last year, our volunteer lifeboat crews, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, rescued over 8,000 people; the calls come at any time of the day or night at any of our 230 lifeboat stations

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Chicken, lamb and prawns, cooked with spinach.
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Pupils help to train mounted police horses

Pupils from St Nicholas School take part in a training exercise for police horses.

MEMBERS of the South Wales Police mounted section called in to meet the pupils of St Nicholas Primary School recently.

Police Constables Rick Lewis and Sadie James and their horses *Rubin* and *Sampson* visited the school to introduce themselves to all of the pupils.

During their visit, PCs Lewis and James explained their roles and encouraged pupils to ask questions about their day to day duties. The officers then gave a demonstration of how they would deal with suspicious or unruly people.

Pupils were also encouraged to take an active part in the lesson and were asked to form two parallel lines in the school yard, assisting the officers to train the horses in crowd control.

The pupils were then invited to meet the officers and their horses and ask further questions.

The visit was arranged by local Neighbourhood PCSO Angela Stone and great fun was had by all.

Pupils and teachers thanked the officers for attending what was a very informative and enjoyable afternoon.

GARDEN OPEN DAY

THERE will be an NGS Garden Open Day on Sunday, June 20 at 12noon-7pm at Yr Hen Felin and Swallow Barns, Dyffryn, Cardiff, CF5 6SU (telephone 029 2059 3082).

Cream teas, Pimms, cheese and wine with homemade bread, artists' stall, face painting and White telephone stall.

In memory of Piers Frampton, all proceeds go to Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie charities. £4 entry to both gardens.

Council replies to collection complaint

THE Vale Council has responded to a letter in last week's GEM, after a Boverton woman complained that her black rubbish bags had been opened, inspected, and then left behind!

Mrs Evans, who told The GEM that she was a keen recycler, said that telephone calls to the Vale Council refuse collection service had not given her an answer as to what happened.

A response from the Vale Council reached The GEM just after our deadline.

Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste management and cleansing, wanted to reassure Mrs Evans, although he was unable to clear up the puzzle.

He said: "*It is sometimes necessary to investigate the contents of householders' black bags where they have been placed out inappropriately – or are deemed too heavy, or appear to contain waste such as that from household repair or improvement.*

"*However, we have no record of any black bin bags within Boverton being inspected by either our enforcement officers, or our collection crews at this time.*

"*I am, therefore, unable to provide the resident with any explanation as to why their refuse bags were opened.*

"*Unfortunately, there are various reasons why missed collections occur and, although this doesn't happen very often, we understand how frustrating this can be for the residents concerned.*

"*When a missed collection is reported to us, it is our normal practice to collect any bags left out on the street within 24 hours of the service request being received.*"

Local woman set to be a 'Shining symbol' of the fight against cancer

A woman who had a terrifying brush with cancer at just 18 years of age, has been picked to be a "shining symbol" of the fight against the disease.

As part of the run-up to a massive fundraising day later this year, Louise Day was set to watch as her image was beamed onto Cardiff City Hall last night – at least 50 ft tall!

Louise Day, who is now 34, launched the countdown to Cancer Research UK's first night-time walking marathon in Wales called 'Shine'.

Her picture was projected onto the side of the civic building when darkness fell (after The GEM went to press).

The 'Shine' event is open to all men and women aged over 13 and entrants can choose to walk either a 26 or 13-mile route. It is hoped that 5,000 men and women will sign-up to raise more than £1m to fund research into the disease.

Taking place on Saturday September 25, Shine will see the city of Cardiff illuminated as people take to the streets in an "inspirational procession of light", setting off from Cardiff International Arena past the Millennium Stadium, Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff Castle and through Cardiff Bay – all of which will be spectacularly lit up.

Louise's picture will be beamed onto City Hall in Cathays Park, along with the images of 11 other 'shining lights' from across Wales – men, women and children whose lives have been touched by different cancers.

Louise, who lives in Porthcawl, was diagnosed with skin cancer when she was aged 18, after a small wart-like spot appeared on her calf.

Her parents persuaded her to see her GP and she did eventually book an appointment to have it checked out

Louise, who now works in publishing as an art editor, explained: "At the appointment I was told it wasn't much to worry about, but that I could have it removed.

"Partly out of vanity, I wanted to go ahead with it, and so I had the growth removed at the GP surgery.

"I had the shock of my life, when my doctor showed up at my house two weeks later with my notes in his hands.

"I was told I had malignant melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, and he used my phone to call the hospital so I could have emergency surgery.

"At the age of 18, I had no idea what malignant melanoma was. I wasn't really an adult and it wasn't something I could talk about easily with anyone, as no one else knew what it was either."

Louise added: "After the operation at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend to remove a larger area, I had to wait a couple of weeks to find out that everything had been removed and that it hadn't spread.

"Being diagnosed with cancer as a teenager was such a shock, you have different worries to your friends and you can feel so alone.

"It was a life changing experience."

She added: "I was certainly not a sun-worshipper, but I had used a sun bed once, and wish I hadn't. The important thing is that anyone who is worried about a change in their body should go and get it checked out; it's incredibly important that we act upon these changes."

Carly Gibbs, Cancer Research UK Shine Event Manager, said: "Louise Day is a true shining light and we are thrilled that her story is helping to put the spotlight on Shine.

"While Shine is one event for thousands of people, participants can choose the length of their route and which cancer to fundraise for so that their Shine experience can be unique to them."

For more information, or to sign up to take part in the Shine event, visit www.cancerresearchuk.org/shine

'They felt the knife in their hands'... *and cut off a nice piece of sirloin!*

BARRY residents who watched BBC Wales last Monday were shocked to see their local butchers singing a tribute to Sir Tom Jones at 70!

The TV company has produced a special version of 'Delilah', featuring people from all over Wales singing the perennial Tom Jones classic – and representing Barry were the staff at Vic Hopkins Butchers!

The promotional film was screened on BBC One ,Wales on Monday, June 7 following the evening news programme *Wales Today,* at 6.55pm.

A number of people from south east Wales were filmed as part of the promo and were asked for their thoughts on Tom Jones:

ABOVE: The musical staff at Vic Hopkins.

From Vic Hopkins Butchers in Barry, Chris Smith, the assistant manager, said: "It was really good fun and we've told all the customers about it of course.

"I've actually met Tom a few times and he's a great guy.

"I worked in a butchers shop in Cowbridge where he used to live and he gave me a guided tour round his Land Rover when it was parked outside the shop, showing me all the bomb and bullet proofing that had been done to the car."

WAVERLEY SAILS

PADDLE steamer Waverley sails from Penarth Pier at 9.30am this Sunday (June 13) for the 25th annual church service on the National Trust island of Lundy, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation.

Latest Barrivale Bridge results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:

=1 Betty Lewis and Mark Roderick, 67.26 per cent, **=1** Celia Thomas and Huw Thomas 67.26; **3** Marjorie Morgan and Judith Owen 61.31.

Marjorie and Judith won on handicap.

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MOTHER STOLE HANDBAG WHILE AT JOBCENTRE

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A MOTHER of six stole a handbag and its contents when she was at Barry Jobcentre, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

But unknown to 40-year-old Coral Barrett of Barry, a security guard, Lewis Arnold, had spotted the theft on CCTV.

Prosecutor Sian Edwards said: "He saw her pick up the bag, put it into a larger bag, and rummage through it.

"At no time did she report having possession of it."

Barrett admitted a charge of theft and received a community order involving supervision for one year.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones warned her: "If you breach this order, I will send you to prison."

He added: "You committed a serious, spontaneous offence. Responsible people would have returned the bag but you kept it. I appreciate you have your own problems."

Ms Edwards said that on October 7, Francine Lawrence went to Barry Jobcentre and, as she attended appointments, left her bag behind, and returned to find it gone.

After being arrested, Barrett told the police: "I found it, I was not going to steal it."

She said she didn't hand it in because she had been tired.

The court heard that she had a previous conviction for stealing a handbag containing credit cards and cash.

Her counsel James Evans said: "No property was actually lost. At the time, she had a 15-month old baby who was unwell. She devotes all her time to the children."

What a show that was...!

BARRY Arts Centre recently put on a tremendous multi–generational show – *'Strike Up The Band'* with music and lyrics from the era of the big bands and swing music from the mid 1930s to the late 1940s.

The show throughout was cabaret seating and the costumes and scenery complemented the setting. During the show, guests were served a glass of wine and all nights were well supported with two nights a sell–out.

The audience showed their appreciation by singing along to well–known lyrics and constant cheering and clapping of hands.

To see such a wealth of talent in such a group left one quite amazed at their dedication.

Gaye Fifield
Barry

CHOIR OFF TO FRENCH 'TWIN'

BARRY Ladies Choir departs on Thursday, June 17, to take part in a musical festival in Fécamp, Barry's twin town in France.

The event will have a nautical theme, so the choir's programme will include sea shanties, popular music and many Welsh songs.

There will be a concert on Saturday, and some songs will be in combination with the local MJC choir at a more formal concert on Sunday evening.

There will be 20 voices from the Barry choir, although many friends will travel with them for support.

This will be director Alice Jones' first overseas venture with the choir; Emma Arscott will be accompanist.

The choir will spend Friday sightseeing and Monday shopping in L'Havre, before leaving for home, having surely left a lasting impression in France of Barry's foremost ladies choir.

The event is supported by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services, through the Kick Start 111 Grant Scheme.

CAROLE WILLS,

POWER BOOST FOR THE SEA CADETS!

BARRY Sea Cadets will take to the water in style this year – thanks to a donation from RWE NPower Aberthaw Power Station.

The cash is being used to buy two new pulling boats that seat five cadets.

Station manager Phil Allen presented the cheque to Sub-lieutenant Helen Davies, watched by the cadets and their instructors during a parade at HMS Cambria.

"We are grateful for the support from Aberthaw," says S/Lt Davies. "We are looking forward to inviting other units in the south Wales district down to use the boats, as well as hosting district competitions."

Sea Cadets range from 10 to 18. Barry unit has members from across the Vale and offers courses in a variety of skills, including water craft such as power boating, sailing, pulling and tall ships experience, first aid, Duke of Edinburgh, marine engineering and communications.

For details about the unit, call 07999 861790, or you can visit website units.ms-sc.org/Barry.

Jay's show wins a Welsh BAFTA!

ABOVE: The production team of Grandpa in my Pocket, including James Bolam and Jay Ruckley, are celebrating winning a BAFTA.

BARRY TV star Jay Ruckley is celebrating after the show he stars in landed a prestigious Welsh BAFTA for best children's programme.

In Grandpa in my Pocket, Jay (11) a pupil at All Saints School, plays the role of Jason Mason while one of Britain's most popular actors, James Bolam, takes on the part of 'Grandpa'.

Jay told The GEM: "I was shocked that we won. I can't believe that something I have been involved in has won a BAFTA!'

Jay's mum Faye added: "For Jay it is the ultimate dream. Actors can go for years in the hope of being associated with an award-winning show.

"The production team dedicated the award to Jay because he is the lead and is Welsh."

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Pendoylan farmer is new president of the Vale Show

AT the AGM of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society, Mr Edward Rees of Brynheligen Farm, Pendoylan, was appointed as their new president.

EDWARD REES

Mr Rees has was born and brought up in Pendoylan where he has always farmed. He produces beef and sheep and is a regular contributor to the Vale farmers' markets.

Mr Rees has sat on the Vale Show committee for many years, acting as assistant treasurer and then chairman. He is very involved in Glamorgan NFU, where he is a county delegate and has served as chair of the Welsh NFU livestock and national NFS beef committees.

One of the most amazing things that Mr. Rees has done was to donate a kidney to his daughter Helen. Happily, although it took them both a while to get over the operations, Helen and father are both now doing very well.

His most important job for the society is to oversee the Vale Show on August 11 at Fonmon Castle.

The date is a week earlier than normal in order not to clash with Pembrokeshire Show, and already the benefits of that decision are being seen, with many more trade stand applications and an increase in the livestock entries.

The main feature display at 4pm in the main ring is James Dylan's Amazing Stunt world. He runs one of the most experienced stunt teams in the country and the display will include ramp jumps, wheelies, stoppies and many more remarkable stunts on a motorbike.He will be followed at 4.45pm by a display by the South Wales Police Dogs.

The police have not displayed their dogs for many years and it is with great excitement that they are now back on the road and will be showing us their skills and obedience.

Those are just two of the hundreds of displays and stands that will be featuring at this year's show.

Schedules for livestock, horses, dogs, horticulture, home produce and trade stands are now available – please contact 01446 710099 or vale.show@btinternet.com.

NICOLA GIBSON
(show secretary)

Vale AM's surgeries

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery this Saturday June 12, at Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ from 10am to 11am and at Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Rd CF5 6AN from 11.30am to 12 noon.

No appointment is necessary. For further information, contact the constituency office in Barry on 01446 740981.

AA REVIEW PRAISES VENUE

It's top marks for the Vale Resort Hotel!

RIGHT: Managing director of the Vale Resort, Stephen Leeke (front right, foreground) with some of his staff.

THE Vale Resort at Hensol has further established its reputation as a UK leader within the hospitality industry, after receiving maximum points in an AA review, to add to the AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant.

The resort's rating has increased from 74 per cent to 85 per cent over the last three years – putting it at the very top end of the hotel and leisure industry in the UK.

The Vale Resort is showing a winning formula across its hotel and leisure business as it expands and invests in its facilities on its 650-acre rural site and looks to compete at the very top of its market.

On top of its leading hospitality facilities, the Vale also hosts world-class training bases for Wales' leading sports businesses including Amlin Challenge Cup winners the Cardiff Blues, the WRU, FAW and Cardiff City FC.

Recently named the UK's Best Large Family Friendly Hotel at the Hotel Excellence Awards 2010, a stay at the picturesque £50m resort was described in this report as "a *most positive experience, where guest service was unobtrusive, effective and delivered by a highly-trained professional team*".

Stephen Leeke, managing director of the Vale Resort, which celebrated its landmark 10th year in business last year, said:

"We are all delighted with this latest industry accolade and to have secured the highest possible AA rating within our market this year is a proud moment for everyone working here.

"Our vision and philosophy is to be one of the UK's leading independent hotel resorts with a focus on providing an excellent level of service, quality dining, helpful and professional staff and that people have a great stay with us whether on business or leisure.

"We are expanding our facilities and to maintain such high scores on every aspect of our business is a mark of the great teamwork we have working here.

"Without the fantastic efforts from everyone, from our housekeeping and reception teams working front of house, to our reservation and administration teams and kitchen porters working behind the scenes, this simply could not have been achieved."

The AA report picked out key areas for praise, including excellent levels of service, friendly and well-presented staff, quality of food, spacious well-appointed bedrooms and high standards of housekeeping.

The report noted: "*All staff encountered were friendly, polite and interacted with guests without prompting*."

It also stated: "*Leisure facilities are some of the best in Wales, grounds are a feature, along with the extensive parking. Housekeeping was seen to be of a high standard throughout*."

The resort won its AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant last year, which is now under the supervision of head chef Daniel James. The AA report commented on a "Very good use of fresh ingredients, simply presented."

In September, the Vale was awarded a Gold Award from Visit Wales in recognition of its outstanding quality, exceptional comfort and hospitality.

The resort is home to a £4 million WRU National Centre of Excellence training facilities for the Welsh rugby team, and also boasts training facilities for the Cardiff Blues, Cardiff City FC and the Welsh FA.

CHURCH CONCERT

All Saints Church, Penarth, will be the venue for a classical music concert on Saturday, June 19, at 7.30pm given by the Cardiff Concert Orchestra.

In May 2009, the conductor received major heart surgery, which was successful and in appreciation, the concert will be supporting the British Heart Foundation.

It includes two concertos – Beethoven romance for violin and orchestra, and Weber's Concerto for bassoon and orchestra, along with Beethoven's Symphony No 6 (Pastoral).

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

VALE AMBULANCE DELAYS: It's time for a root and branch review

THE GEM has long reported ambulance delays across the Vale of Glamorgan, particularly in western parts of the constituency, and since being elected I have received a number of calls that have caused me to investigate further.

It is fair to say that errors can be made once in a while, but I have heard of so many problems that I have written to the Health minister asking her to investigate the whole process from the time of initial contact through to transfer to the ward.

One case quoted a seven-hour wait; another patient was personally involved on three different occasions with needless delays – and in a different case, a neighbour, who was fortunately a nurse, had to intervene.

Clearly, there is a pattern of error and mismanagement that could be putting lives at risk

Some time ago, I spent a night observing ambulance drivers and paramedics in operation. It was a fascinating experience and I was amazed at the range of calls.

The Vale MP
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to
GEM readers

I was surprised by the number of 'timewasters' calling an ambulance without reason, and distances ambulances travel.

It was obvious to me that paramedics and drivers were playing their full part in trying circumstances.

It was alarming to note how long they were forced to wait at Accident and Emergency in Cardiff.

The reason for delays at A and E was targets. The hospital must 'deal' with a patient within a specified time and the clock doesn't start ticking until they enter the hospital.

Waiting in the ambulance doesn't count as part of the delay, but the impact is wide-ranging; it ties up the ambulances on site – nor is it the best clinical option for the patient.

Staff and the ambulance service become frustrated and people needing their services are left waiting.

I have now spoken to nursing staff who work at A and E. They advise me that they are over stretched and on some occasions they are left without hospital porters.

As a result, patients are being kept at A and E needlessly. I am told that bed shortages also have an impact.

Therefore, prompted by a constituent, there is a strong need to review the whole process.

It is only the Minister that can bring the ambulance service and the hospital managers together to ensure swift, efficient transfer.

A short delay at one end can have significant consequences elsewhere. This cannot continue.

Benefits of filming in the Vale outweigh drawbacks

– SAYS LATEST COUNCIL REPORT

A RECENT report to the Vale Council cabinet has come out strongly in favour of encouraging film crews to come to the area.

The success in recent years of shows such as *Doctor Who, Gavin and Stacey* and *Torchwood* has increased the number of film crews using the coastline, countryside, or villages and towns in the Vale.

However, there have been some complaints about disruption caused by filming, so the council cabinet asked for a report on the issue, and this was presented by the cabinet member for tourism and leisure, Coun Anthony Ernest.

The council was also looking at updating the charges it makes to filmmakers.

The report said: "Having a major film, series or TV feature filmed in the Vale can help raise the profile of the area and provide valuable publicity, estimated at £65k per minute of off peak TV coverage.

"In addition to this, production companies staying for a period of time generate thousands of pounds for the local economy, as well as income for the local authority by way of filming fees. Reference is made to filming in the draft Tourism Strategy which has been the subject of recent consultation.

However, the report acknowledges that there have been problems. It says: "Whilst on the whole, this increase in popularity with film companies has been welcomed, with significant economic benefits realised from popular productions, such as Gavin and Stacey, there is very occasionally a negative side to such film production activities in terms of neighbourhood disruption."

It says that the most popular areas for filming are land under the control of either visible services (highways, coastal management and parks land) or economic development and leisure (country parks, Dyffryn Gardens, Heritage Coast and Hood Road Goods Shed site for example).

The popularity of the Vale as a filming venue is increasing and this may be due, in part, to the promotion of south Wales by the Wales Screen Commission.

The report continues: "Very few complaints are received from residents in respect of filming activities. In recent years however there have been a number of complaints received from the leaseholder of the Cliff Top Restaurant, Penarth, concerning the parking of filming related equipment at the Cliff Top Car Park.

"There have also been complaints from residents living nearby about the operation of generators and vehicles during the late evening and early morning.

"In addition, there have also been a number of complaints received about disruption caused by filming activities in Llantwit Major.

"As this was a period production, this particular filming also caused cleansing and highway problems, due to the materials that were used on the highway to mask highway markings."

However, the report concludes: "As the number of complaints are relatively small, it is not recommended that the current system of officers allowing requests subject to the appropriate conditions be changed."

Speaking after the meeting, Coun Anthony Ernest was pleased that the council will continue to encourage filming.

He said; "It raises the profile of the Vale, and cast and crew use local hotels and guest houses, eat in local restaurants and contribute to the economy.

"Some of the benefits are hard to quantify, but on the other hand, when you look at the number of people who have come to Barry because of *Gavin and Stacey*, then those benefits are obvious."

MP raises test centre closure with minister

VALE MP Alun Cairns says he has raised the closure of the driving test centre in Barry with the new transport minister.

Mr Cairns has written to Mike Penning, parliamentary under secretary of state for transport whose remit includes the test centres, urging him to look again at the decision to close the centre last March.

"Barry is the largest town in Wales and yet has lost its driving test centre, while other towns with lower populations have kept theirs. The decision impacted upon a wide area of the Vale.

"As we predicted, the closure has caused major problems for local driving instructors, who now have to take learners to either Bridgend or Cardiff for practice before taking their tests.

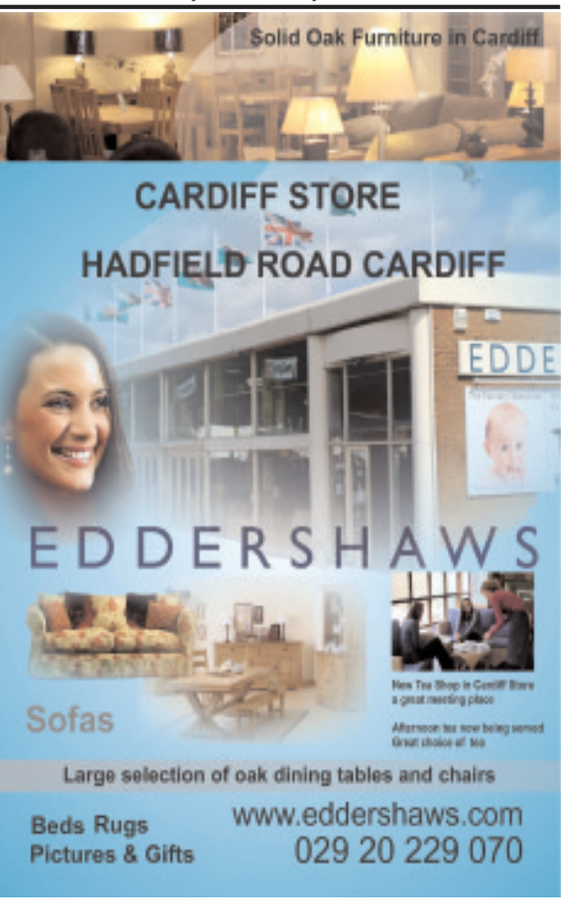
"This means that half the lesson or more is wasted in travelling to and from the Vale. Learners are having to take double lessons and that's increased the cost for them," Mr Cairns added.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

COUNCILLORS Bronwen Brooks, Richard Bertin, Jeff Evans and Theo Stenstrom, will be holding a street surgery in part of the 'Bassett' area of Court ward, Barry, at Everard Street from 10.30am on Saturday (June 12).

If you would like to speak to a councillor, clearly display the leaflet that will be delivered, in a window or door and they will call in.

Alternatively, contact Coun Bronwen Brooks on 07525 158391, to discuss any local issues.



RHOOSE ... a charming village in the Vale!

Why Rhoose is such a great place to live – *and what makes it unique in Wales!*

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE village of Rhoose could be said to have 'come of age' in the last few years.

After all, how many small communities in Britain can claim to provide vital facilities such as hotels and a railway station for an international airport?

The train station, which has provided a much-needed link for villagers to travel to Cardiff, Barry and Bridgend, is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its reopening.

One of the people who has witnessed the changing face of the village at first hand is Coun Jeff James, who has served on the Vale Council for 31 years, and served on Penmark and Rhoose community councils for a combined total of 14 years.

He said: "I think we were unfortunate that the station had been closed down in the Beeching era.

"In fact, it was worse than closure – the station was torn down and the platforms, too. In Llantwit Major, the platforms were still there and just needed updating.

"It meant Rhoose got two brand new platforms, and the day the station was reopened was a historic day for the village.

"We had a flypast of the Red Arrows, the Minister responsible, Andrew Davies, attended and youngsters from Rhws Primary School were there too."

Transport is one of Coun James's passions – he is the chairman of SEWTA, the South East Wales Transport Alliance – and he is optimistic that the service on the Vale of Glamorgan line will see further improvements in years to come.

"Currently, the service is hourly, but a £2million investment centred on improving Cogan junction, which is a bottleneck, should see a half hourly service by 2014."

But what of the shuttle service that runs from Rhoose Station to the airport and is being axed?

"I can say that there has been great progress in negotiations between the Vale Council, the Welsh Assembly and Cardiff Airport, and I'm optimistic there will be good news soon."

Coun James said the station was an important symbol for the community. "It recognised the importance of Rhoose to the airport, and that it was a significant community in the Vale."

The village is also host to high-tech industrial concerns, such as British Airways maintenance and Barry College International Centre for Aerospace Training.

Coun James said that it was hardly surprising that Rhoose had grown so much in recent years, because it has so many things going for it, and has a unique geographical claim to fame.

"I think Rhoose has its own micro-climate! It is the most southerly village in Wales, and the beach is the most southerly point in Wales – weather systems don't seem to be as severe in Rhoose.

"We are lucky with our coast, the walks and the countryside.

"We've also got local businesses and entrepreneurs who know their customers and offer a very good service."

He added: "All these things make Rhoose a great place to live and work."

LEFT: The picturesque Blue Anchor Inn, in East Aberthaw.

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Another first for this year is social membership, which allows access to our Cabaret Lounge for just £10 per person, or £15 per couple (one-off payment) for the whole 2010 season.

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The Bay Health and Fitness Club is going from strength to strength, with student memberships from only £25 per month (payable at reception or by direct debit) with no contract to sign.

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RHOOSE ... a charming village in the Vale!

Model railway group reforms in Rhoose

THE newly formed Rhoose and the Vale Model Railway Group are now holding regular club nights on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm at Rhoose Social Club.

A well established 00 gauge layout is now in the process of being redeveloped and the running 0 gauge layout is now nearing completion, but there is still plenty to do.

"We will soon be able to boast an a new N gauge layout and this is currently well into the planning stage," said spokesman Brian Shears.

New members and visitors are always made welcome, whether established modellers or new to the world of miniature model making.

"If you have a model railway at home and would like to run your trains on our layouts or just need help with your own layout, then come along and meet the team.

"We do have dedicated steam, diesel and even Thomas the Tank Engine nights, so smaller members of the family are also welcome."

For further details telephone 01446 713820 or e-mail brian.shears@talktalk.net

ABOVE: The Fontygary Inn touring caravan park.

Rhoose students shine at Welsh championships

SIX students, Luke Pownall, Jay Munn, Liam Padmore, Stuart Padmore, Stephen Williams and Spencer Williams, all of Rhoose Tae Kwondo Club, recently competed at the Welsh Open championships.

Each student gave their best on the day, with three competing in their first event in the 'tiny tot' division (under 4ft).

Luke Pownall, just six bouts to claim his first gold.

Jay Munn (11) has won previous competitions in both patterns and sparring. On the day, Jay won a bronze in patterns and bronze in sparring.

The rest of the team all fought very well, narrowly missing out on medal positions. The competition was held at the UWIC sports campus in Cardiff with 800 competitors from all over the UK.

It proved a great day of competition for the club.

If youngsters are interested in coming along to the club, which meets on Mondays and Thursdays, please contact instructor Joseph Schembri on 07711 234500.

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Miss came along as a white mouse when pupils dressed up for their Science Day!

STAFF and pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School recently held their popular Science Day and everyone dressed up – following the theme of animals and their habitats.

The day was organised by science co-ordinator Mrs Alison Williams, who came disguised as a white mouse! Mr Ian Hill from XL Wales visited a number of classes to lead the pupils in some exciting science and technology lessons.

The day was devoted to a range of science-based activities, from bubble making with the younger pupils, to creating miniature volcanoes in year-6!

The teachers and pupils thanked Mr Hill for another excellent visit and Mrs Williams for once again organising a lovely day of learning and fun.

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Two out of three ain't bad for the Cadoxton bowlers

CADOXTON hosted this match against Rhoose and completed another Munro Cup win, scoring 10 points.

The rink skipped by Gary Jones (against Bert Ewers), took a 12-0 lead before the opposition showed some promise by scoring 14 with 9 conceded to reduce the deficit to seven shots by the end.

Graham Brown's rink met the Parson family, with three generations included in their side. The home side took an early lead and despite some good resistance, held the advantage throughout.

Skips Howard Craven and Ted Morris met, with the visitors making a 4-0 start, but this was overhauled and a '5' gave the home side a 13-6 lead. They stayed on 13 until the visitors caught up, scored a '2' but then conceded a '6'.

Over the remaining ends, they fought back but failed by just two shots.

Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink also went four behind with Ron Ball his opposite number. By the halfway stage, the scores were level at 7-7, but the away side did most of the scoring from then on to win comfortably.

R Doble, M Curtis, J Stewart, H Craven – 21-23 – T Dally, J Wood, R Evans, E Morris.

L Davies, J Sugden, L Cundliffe, G Brown – 19-10 – P Watts, L Parsons, D Parsons, L Parsons Jnr.

S Clements, R Cole, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy – 11-16 – H Jupp, T Evans, P Williams, R Ball.

B Knight, G Solomon, J Davies, G Jones – 21-14 – L Wilmott, T Sleightholme, J Wathes, B Ewers.

Final score: 72-63.

CADOXTON v PENCOED – CARRUTHERS

IN the final game of their section of the Carruthers, Cadoxton recorded a win at home against Pencoed.

This was due to the only winning rink, skipped by Graham Brown. During the first 12 ends, the opposition was only allowed two singles, while 20 shots were amassed.

The visitors came more into the game by having success in six of the remaining nine ends, but only reduced the deficit by four.

The rink skipped by Gary Jones held a one-shot lead after six ends, but a '5' took away this advantage. They dropped behind 6-16 by the 12th. They stuck to the task and scored seven singles in the remaining nine ends.

Don Kuhnell's rink struggled to keep in contention throughout the afternoon, and was never allowed to get in front. A '2' on the final end brought the aggregate level, with just one other rink to finish.

This was skipped by Kelvin Chedgzoy, who also trailed throughout the game, despite winning the majority of ends which kept the scores fairly close. A '2' was given to them by the opposing skip who moved the jack, and brought the rink score level, but more importantly gave the overall result in Cadoxton's favour. So Kelvin declined to bowl his last wood.

D Evans, H Hellyar, H Craven, D Kuhnell – 15-19; T Bishop, S Pycroft, J Davies, K Chedgzoy – 18-18; P Ellis, W Eadie, A Hatcher, G Brown – 26-12; D Tuck, M Curtis, W Vaughan, G Jones – 13-21.

Final score: 72-70.

CADOXTON 'A' v PENARTH - SVL 'A'

CADOXTON visited Penarth for this 'A' side fixture, and found they were confronted by a very strong side sprinkled with first team players.

All rinks were well beaten.

G Solomon, I Dunbar, L Little, J Stewart – 16-32 – C Mould, B Hocking, D Edwards, R Crockford.

L Tanner, G Davies, I Robertson, G Garland – 11-25 – M England, D Butler, C Williams, L Jones.

R Knight, K Tanner, A Carpenter, D Brook – 16-28 – D Murphy, D Turnbull, D Jones, R Greenslade.

S Clements, R Cole, L Davies, R Harding – 14-26 – W Blackmore, D Duggan, B Lewis, J Ellis.

Final score: 57-110.

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START FROM GROUND UP WHEN GIVING YOUR HOME A NEW LOOK!

SPRING'S arrived and it's time to infuse your floors with a little colour, *writes Richard Fidler*

Maybe it was the dark days of winter and the recession; or maybe it is just fashion doing a 360- degree turn. Whatever the reason, it is time to get ready for an explosion of colour over a floor near you.

Walk into any carpet store and behold the bold, bright carpets and rugs on offer. Not so long ago, they were all tucked away at the back, but now they are in the showcase positions.

Victoria Redshaw, trend and colour expert at Fun On The Floor says 2010 is all about colour and personality.

She said: "Now's a great time to banish beige blandness and start putting some personality back into our home after the difficulties of the recession. You can achieve this with injections of bold painted colour blocking, infusions of statement, patterned wallpaper and textiles, eclectic mixes of vintage and contemporary furniture, and global fusions of accessories.

"This brings rooms to life, adds character, and stops our homes looking like soulless show houses. Carpeting can play a significant part in this.

"It offers one of the biggest opportunities to add colour, pattern and texture to any room, so don't leave it as an after thought."

Changing the colour of your carpet has an immediate effect on how a room, and the rest of your home, will feel, says Renshaw.

"It's the simplest single purchase you can make to completely update, refresh and transform any room in your home," she adds.

"Be brave in your decorating choices and express your own unique personality through the decor of your home""

Interior designer Adrienne Chinn says flooring design has literally been flipped on its head.

"For the last 10 to 15 years it has all been about wood floors and plain, beige carpets. I think what goes around comes around.

"Now people have got bored and I have clients asking me to incorporate coloured carpets and rugs into their designs.

"I'm working on a contemporary house at the moment where the clients want wall-to-wall carpets throughout their dining and living area. We're using a pattern motif around the edge of the room."

The cost of carpets has rapidly declined in recent years and even custom-made designs are not as expensive as people might think, says Chinn.

"They are far more affordable than many people imagine, and the colour doesn't have to be everywhere.

"For instance, in a dining room, you can have a fairly neutral carpet with a surprising, colourful area underneath the table."

While custom-made designs will inevitably cost more than an off the shelf carpet, Richard Renouf, head of consumer affairs at Carpet Right, says you'll still get a wide and inspiring selection in the High Street.

"People are now changing their carpets every four or five years rather than every 20 or 30, and colourful carpets are proving very popular with designers at the moment."

Richard says two styles which are getting a lot of attention at the moment are the Heather, which has two different coloured fibres woven together to create a spattered effect, and the Loop Pile, which combines varying lengths of loop.

"The Loop Pile, in particular, offers a softer alternative to the popular sisal or natural sea grass carpets."

Despite a marked reduction in prices, a new carpet can still mean parting with a substantial amount of money. It can also be quite an upheaval. So before you buy, think carefully, says Steve Elliott, carpet expert at Fun On The Floor.

He said: "Ask yourself which area of the house is the carpet for. The hall, stairs and landing for example will take the most wear, and deserve a hard wearing and durable carpet.

"In a bedroom on the other hand, you can indulge yourself and think more about sinking your toes into a deep pile carpet!

"What is more important to you? Is a practical, easy to clean carpet your priority, or are you more interested in luxury and indulgence?

"Do you prefer a colourful, plain or patterned carpet? Contemporary patterns and bold colours are very popular right now, and a patterned carpet can be the focus of a room."

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THE BUZZ WORD IS BEES..!

AT LAST, the seasonal sunshine is bringing everything on – climbers need tying in , shrubs are sprouting new growth and seedlings are appearing, ***writes Hannah Stephenson***

But one of the most heartening aspects of spring is to hear the welcoming sound of bees doing their important work in the garden.

Perhaps we should all take a leaf out of Sarah Brown's book. The former Prime Minister's wife installed two bamboo bee boxes and a bumble bee house in the Downing Street garden, to give these beneficial insects somewhere safe to hibernate, while the gardeners at Number 10 have planted bee-friendly borders.

As regular readers of The GEM's 'News From Fonmon Apiary' column will know, bee populations in the UK are sadly declining.

Bumblebees are major pollinators of most of our wildflowers and crops. If they continue to disappear the plants will set less seed, resulting in sweeping changes to the countryside, according to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

So, we need to do our bit in our own gardens and it is relatively easy to create a bee-friendly border. Bees need flowers from spring to autumn, but they have to be the right types of flowers.

Exotic, highly cultivated hybrid varieties are often lacking in pollen, while many popular summer bedding choices, including pelargoniums, busy lizzies and begonias, are also of little benefit to the bumblebee.

Try growing cottage garden plants or wildflowers rich in nectar, such as foxgloves, hollyhocks, lupins, lavender and catmint, verbascum, snapdragon and sedum, to attract them.

Other great magnets for bees include thyme, heather, purple sage, sunflowers, honeysuckle, Verbena bonariensis, cranesbill geraniums and borage. Daisy-like blooms with big open flowers are often rich in nectar, so you can't go wrong with michaelmas daisies, rudbeckias and asters.

Wildflower choices might include poppies, mallow, ranunculus ficaria, salvia pratensis, knautia arvensis and Lamium purpureum, while bulbs such as alliums, crocus, snowdrop, grape hyacinth and Chionodoxa luciliae will all attract bees.

Plant sweet peas alongside climbing beans to encourage a better crop. The bees will be attracted to the sweetpea flowers and are then more likely to pollinate the beans as well.

Bumblebee species differ in the length of their tongues, and as a result prefer different flowers, so it's important to grow a range of different things.

Avoid elaborate double flowered varieties as some are bred without male and female parts, while others have so many petals, bees can't reach the nectar and pollen to collect it.

This is the main reason why single dahlias are popular with many bees, while doubles are frequently ignored.

Design your garden so it offers a continuous succession of flowers providing nectar and pollen throughout the year, including some nectar-rich plants which flower early or late, such as winter aconites, which are a vital early source of nectar for bees emerging from hibernation.

If you want a change from a high-maintenance lawn, turn a section of it into a wildflower meadow, planting spring-flowering bulbs such as the snake's head fritillary and wildflowers such as the cowslip, ragged robin and wood anemone.

You can still create an informal path through the area with your mower.

If you grow the right plants, even in the smallest space, your garden should soon be buzzing with activity.

Best of the bunch - Pulsatilla

These pretty perennial alpine plants have fine, ferny foliage and large, silky flowers in shades of white, yellow, pink and purple, followed by round, fluffy seedheads.

They are particularly good rockery plants, forming clumps which die down for winter, pushing up new crops of finely divided, silky leaves and buds in spring.

Good enough to eat - Oriental mustards

Give your salads a peppery kick by growing some easy Oriental mustards such as 'Red Giant' and 'Pizzo'.

Sow seeds thinly in drills 10cm apart from May to August where you want the crops to grow and then thin them out when they are big enough to 15-20cm (6-8in) apart.

Red mustard (Chinese mustard 'Red Giant') has bronzy-red leaves, while mizuna (Japanese greens) has glossy, serrated, dark green leaves and narrow white stalks, looking good in flower beds and as edging.

It's best to pick the leaves young when they are pleasantly spicy rather than excessively hot when they mature.

Chinese mustard is vigorous, adaptable and easy to grow in most soils. Keep plants water and well weeded, protect from slugs and snails and in the right conditions you should have crops within 30 days.

Three ways to make the most of your veg plot.

1. Sow quick-maturing crops such as lettuce and radishes little and often, so that you have a succession of produce throughout the season, rather than a glut.

2. Plant fast-growing crops like lettuce and spinach between slower, bigger kinds such as Brussels sprouts and winter cauliflower, so that you will have harvested the quick-growing crops by the time your slower-growing veg need more space.

3. Re-use the space taken by crops sown early and harvested by midsummer. Early potatoes, for instance, are ready for harvesting in June, so you could then plant frost-tender veg such as courgettes or French beans in the same spot.

What to do this week

Sow fast-maturing and late-flowering annuals, herbs and vegetables including parsnips, early carrots and runner beans.

Begin to harden off summer bedding plants, checking the weather forecast regularly and protecting the plants with horticultural fleece if frost is forecast.

Thin out hardy annual, vegetable and other seedlings sown outdoors.

Water and feed newly-planted trees and shrubs.

Prune spring-flowering clematis after flowering.

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'CUTTING OUT TREATS WON'T REDUCE DEBT'

MR Graham-Woollard of Colwinston (GEM letters, June 3) clearly sides with the Conservatives in their immediate spending and job cuts agenda

However, organising the national budget is a little more complicated than simply reducing spending as you might from a family budget.

Cutting out treats might leave a little more money in the purse at the end of the month, but adopting the same tactic for the wider budget would leave us little closer to solving our debt problem.

That's because cutting public sector jobs doesn't take people off the payroll, it just moves them into a jobcentre queue, where we would be paying them to do nothing until the wider economy recovers – which it may not do if these cuts take place too quickly.

Indeed, with 10,000 fewer university places for 18 years olds this year as a result of immediate cuts already made, how many of those will be able to find employment quickly?

The Conservatives locally have long complained about lack of money to improve the Vale, regularly demanding more money for schools and education and for every other project under the sun, but now in power have refused to listen to appeals for fair funding for Wales.

According to independent economists, we are underfunded by hundreds of millions every year – much needed money that would be spent on improving our schools and hospitals and keeping local people in work.

When you put it like that, 'we're all in this together' doesn't sound so believable – coming from a UK cabinet with 18 millionaires...

Dr Ian Johnson, Barry

'Take care of animals in the summer heat'

WITH the recent bout of hot weather, we should be reminded that animals suffer and die when temperatures soar.

Dogs die very quickly in hot cars and they should not be left inside them, even for short periods.

Other animals suffer, too. Rabbits must not be left in a hutch in the glaring sun or inside a sweltering garage or shed. They need a cool, shady place where the air circulates, and where they are able to move freely.

A hot rabbit can be kept cool by applying cold water gently to his ears. Should your rabbit become listless, or start breathing hard through an open mouth or go limp, get him to a vet immediately.

Rabbits must also be checked daily throughout summer months for signs of flystrike.

Smaller animals, such as hamsters, rats and gerbils, can be kept cool by opening windows and closing curtains, using a fan (but not pointing it directly at them), refreshing water and providing a frozen water bottle, wrapped in a towel so that it cannot be chewed.

Kate Fowler (Head of campaigns, Animal Aid)

GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'WHY VALE MP SHOULD TAKE ON THE WELSH ASSEMBLY'

HOW hollow are the attacks on Alun Cairns MP by his defeated opponents over his message about Welsh Assembly cut-backs (GEM, June 3).

They continue the politics of denying that Labour and Gordon Brown brought Britain close to bankruptcy.

Now that Alun Cairns is to continue as AM, let's recognise his undoubted abilities and urge him to see that cutting the WAGs (Welsh Assembly Government's) waste is insufficient – the cuts need to reach WAG's pet projects.

For a start, the £10m Weycock Cross mega-interchange is quite unnecessary, just promoted by officials and their well-paid consultants on the tail of the St Athan developments.

They were quite unable at the January public inquiry to justify pretences of high accident rates and long traffic queues.

WAG officials are still going ahead with contracts for the £15-20 million St Athan peripheral road, despite the Defence Technical College being delayed for the strategic defence review.

Will Mr Cairns tell them the Westminster coalition is serious in cutting over-blown MoD projects?

Will he abandon the primitive politics of shouting for spending in one's own constituency and countenance keeping the downsized DTC on an existing MoD site, eg Blandford or Cosford? Will Mr Cairns also question the WAG promise of £9 million pa for 25 years to the joint council project to take Vale of Glamorgan domestic waste.

Though it pretends to be technology neutral, Prosiect Gwyrdd is angled towards a mega-incinerator. WAG proclaimed it as "energy from waste" in January 2009.

Let's see Mr Cairns challenging WAG for subsidising wasteful incineration and excluding cheaper mechanical and biological treatments.

His task is to rein in officials and Ministers who had no endorsement from the public and National Assembly for switching policy to pro-incineration, and challenge WAG processes that allow such profligacy with public money.

Max Wallis (Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth)

Recycling and plastic bags

WITH the recent Welsh Assembly Government announcement that a 7p 'tax' will be applied to all plastic carrier bags throughout Wales, has the Vale Council given any strategic thought to its recycling policy?

At present, we all put our household recyclable waste out in carrier bags for collection.

Anything that falls out or is loose, is generally not collected at all!

I note friends from other areas have a common bag collection, where everything is put into one large council-supplied bag for collection.

Will the Vale Council adopt a similar policy as the current scheme seems a bit antiquated?

Ray Cudlip, Barry

Company listened to local councillors

WE attended the recent official opening of Cwt Hortop and it was heartening to see what had been a very run down part of Cadoxton completely transformed by the Newydd development.

There are five three bedroom townhouses with gardens, one two bedroom adapted flat, one one bedroom adapted flat and 13 two bedroom flats replacing the old houses.

Another benefit from the Cwt Hortop development is that there is now a large amount of off-street parking and this will help to make Main Street safer.

We would like to thank Newydd for listening to us as local councillors and the local residents, some of whom have lived in this area for 30/40 and even 50 years, who were becoming very concerned that Main Street and the Vere Street area had become 'bedsit land' with predominantly young male occupants.

At our request as local councillors, representatives of Newydd came along to a "very lively" PACT meeting held in the Palmerston Learning Centre and listened to residents' very genuine concerns. Newydd went away and reviewed their lettings policy.

This has resulted in a much more balanced approach to letting properties in the local area and shows that the local residents were listened to.

Anne and Neil Moore Labour councillors for Cadoc Ward, Barry

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KING ARTHUR COULD BE FIGUREHEAD FOR LLANTWIT'S E-TRAIL'S PROJECT TO PROMOTE A REAL 'SENSE OF PLACE'

by JAYNE ISAAC

A SENSE of Place is a new campaign which has been launched to promote Llantwit Major.

The campaign, which is being led by the town's chamber of trade, involves various groups and individuals keen to attract visitors, shoppers and day trippers to the town.

Llantwit is the first place in Wales to be chosen to pilot a new 'e-trails' project in which walkers will use their mobile phones to receive information about walks, and will also be able to use GPS technology to find out exactly where they are.

This is being done in conjunction with the Ramblers Association.

The group has also been in talks with Visit Wales – the tourism arm of the Welsh Assembly Government – about promoting Llantwit's heritage and history.

Jan Moisan, secretary of the chamber of trade, said that there was a great deal of interest in recent information that King Arthur had links to Llantwit, which was a centre of learning and religion during the fifth and sixth centuries.

"We understand that St Illtyd, who founded Llantwit and set up the first university in the world, was a cousin of Arthur, who is believed to be a member of the ruling dynasty of Glamorgan and Gwent in those days," she said.

"Since this was publicised in The GEM a couple of months ago, we have had a terrific amount of interest in this from residents. Lots of people are keen to get involved, which is great.

"We believe that Llantwit could benefit hugely from any Arthur connection. If you visit places like Glastonbury and Tintagel, you see that there's a huge spin off for shops, restaurants, pubs and hotels.

"People flock to these places, drawn by the lure of this mystical king.

"Arthur resonates down the ages with the tales of the Knights of the Round Table and the legend of Camelot.

"I believe that we have a much stronger historic claim to Arthur than these West Country places where the evidence is very flimsy, to say the least."

Former Mayor Russell Downe is another who has expressed strong views about the town's history and heritage.

He said: "We have enough evidence, in my view, for claiming that Arthur was born here, as there are the ruins of a palace which date from that period.

Ancient Welsh histories claimed that Arthur was born in Llantwit and as Illtyd belonged to the same royal family, it seems very likely that there is a strong connection.

"I also understand that the historians Alan Wilson and Baram Blackett, who have unearthed so much evidence, believe that Camelot was nearby.

"If we can establish a convincing case for this, Llantwit would become a centre for Arthurian scholars, as well as for those people who enjoy the stories.

"The romance of King Arthur still casts a magic spell over people hundreds of years after he lived.

"We all know of Excalibur, Camelot and the lady of the lake – it's part of Western culture."

Mrs Moisan said that a meeting would be called in July about how the scheme was progressing.

"This has grown out of the e-trails project but it is so much bigger now. We hope to get Visit Wales on board so that Llantwit can be properly promoted for the good of everyone living her, including the businesses.

"We could set up an Arthur trail, publish some information leaflets and even have an Arthur heritage centre which people could visit.

"There has been a lot of enthusiasm about this from the local community and we want to harness that for the good of the whole town," she concluded..

Message from the Llantwit Mayor Councillor Ralph Austin

THE Llantwit Major Mayor, Coun Ralph Austin, is "delighted" to be the first citizen of a town with so much history and heritage.

"I would love to see the old part of our ancient town cared for much better than it is," he said. "There are cottages in Church Street which need revamping to improve the approach leading to our historic and lovely church.

"I am pleased to support the project to rebuild the Galilee Chapel – which will be wonderful for both the church and the community – as well as providing a centre for visitors.

"Llantwit Major is a fantastic place to live with everything we need – shops, cosy old pubs, beautiful walks and our heritage coastline and all visitors are made to feel very welcome," he enthused.

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Standing ovation as CAOS cast present Annie to Vale audience

ABOVE: Annie's dog makes a friend.

Photographs by **LAURIE GOLDEN**

THE CAOS production of *Annie* ended with a standing ovation on Saturday night at llantwit Major comprehensive school.

The near sell-out run starred two outstanding Annies: Lauren Coates from Bridgend and Nia Brown from Cowbridge, who appeared in alternate productions, together with their energetic bands of 'orphans'.

John Murray, musical director, and Davron Hicks, producer and choreographer, merged these new, very young members of CAOS, together with the established members, to mutual benefit and general hilarity.

There were some outstanding performances, which will be remembered for a long time, including the scheming trio of Miss Hannigan (Sarah Morris, giving the performance of a lifetime), Rooster Hannigan (Rob Reynolds, who couldn't have appeared more devious), and newcomer Joanne Lee Mallett as the gorgeous Lily St Regis happy to develop criminal instincts!

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RIGHT: Annie meets Daddy Warbucks.

Lions' young ambassador can 'promote good work' in Vale

THIS year, the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club is embarking on a new venture – to promote the good work that youth in the area take part in.

A spokesman for the Lions said: "We all read in the press when youths in our area have misbehaved in some way, but we hope to show the other side of the coin with our 'Young Ambassador' competition.

"We need to know about anyone aged between 15 and 19 years of age who is serving the community and would benefit from taking part in this competition".

He explained that the Lions Young Ambassador competition, which goes through a number of stages, is where the candidates demonstrate, by a short presentation and interview, how they work within their community.

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If the candidate wins the district stage of the competition, a bursary will be awarded to spend on their project.

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The spokesman added: "As a club, we feel that it is important to support young people who are willing to go that extra mile for their community; and while we realise that entering this competition is quite a commitment, they will be supported all the way."

The Lions work with young people in many ways, such as the Bob Cook Games, a fun day for disabled people of all ages and a great day out for those taking part and their helpers.

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THE Good Barbers Guide, the only independent nationwide scheme for assessing professional standards and service in the gentlemen's hairdressing industry, has announced that Ben's Barbers, Llantwit Major, has achieved Guide recognition.

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Ben Davies, delighted owner of Ben's Barbers, added: "The Good Barbers Guide is the long-awaited measure that enables clients to know their barber is a true professional.

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THE GEM GUIDE TO THE WORLD CUP 2010

Countdown starts to the big kick–off in South Africa!

THERE are just a few hours to go now before the world's second largest sporting event kicks off in South Africa.

The managers have put their squads together and teams have played their final warm–up friendly matches across the world. This will also be the first time FIFA has staged the event on the continent of Africa.

Now there will be those of you reading this saying: "Oh, no, a whole month of our television screens plastered with football!"

To you we say, yes that is true, there will be wall–to–wall football. However, football in recent years, due to rule changes and the fact that it has become far more of an entertainment industry, is much more appealing.

More goals, more attacking styles of play; have led to a rollercoaster of emotions for fans and players alike. Just take what happened to Cardiff City and their fans over the last few weeks in the play–offs as an example!

So, what can we expect from the world's greatest players and teams over the next few weeks, and how will the tournament play out?

Well, the opening group–based games are designed to weed out the supposedly weaker teams, leaving the last 16 teams to battle it out on a straight knock–out basis down to the final.

If the seeding system ran to form, we should reach a quarter final stage where Holland play Brazil, France play England, Argentina play Germany and Italy play Spain. All mouth–watering prospects.

World Cup history, however, points to the fact that this will not be the case. Why, because at every previous tournament, the favourites don't always turn up and play as they were expected.

One or two of the big boys fall to the supposed minnows. The whole seeding system goes out of the window, and everything gets mixed up.

Let's take, for example, Germany, drawn in group D. Missing their leader Michael Ballack of Chelsea, injured during the FA Cup final, they face tough matches against Ghana, Serbia and, not to be discounted, Australia. If they fail to win that group and finish second, they would then face the winners of Group C, who should be, wait for it, England.

How big would that match then become? The media will have a field day and we would only be half–way through the tournament.

France are another team not in the greatest of form, and wouldn't the Irish just love to see them go crashing out at the hands of hosts South Africa, along with Mexico and Uruguay in group A?

What of the favourites, those boys from Brazil? They are not quite the same flamboyant team as the 1970 squad of Pele and Co, but contain the likes of Kaka, Robinho and Lucio. They are a solid outfit on paper, very difficult to beat and full of attacking flair.

Impossible to beat? Well, just take a look at what happened to Barcelona in the Champions League, arguably the best club team in the world, packed full of international superstars, KO'd by Inter Milan!

As the tournament gets started on June 11 and the group stages begin, what games should you watch to enter into the spirit? Where are there likely to be upsets and who of the underdogs might upset the big teams?

by TONY BENNETT

Check out Group D matches involving Germany, Serbia, Ghana and Australia; Group G matches between Brazil, Portugal and Ivory Coast; Group C match England and U.S.A; Group B match Argentina and Nigeria.

Lastly, keep an eye on the hosts in Group A, South Africa – up against France. Playing as host country, has in the past always proved to be a huge advantage; you only have to remember the minnows of South Korea making it all the way to a semi-final eight years ago.

So, the time is fast approaching to grab hold of your wall chart and get the office sweep stake sorted! Get down to your local pub or club for some widescreen action. Keep your diary updated and plan your viewing. There will be some great football played, especially in the later stages.

So keep an eye out for The GEM over the coming weeks and we'll keep you posted on how things progress!

Is the Vale watching and waiting for World Cup drama to unfold?

THERE is (not for the first time) a lack of Welsh involvement in the world's top footballing occasion.

So, are pulses racing here at the prospect of watching England take on the world's best?

After all, the World Cup always is a football sporting sensation, the build-up has been intense, and it has been constantly in the sporting spotlight over the last few weeks...

Even though Wales is regarded as a rugby nation, the whiff of competition and the potential for an entertaining game should bring people together in front of the flatscreen television. or at their local pub.

The GEM was out on the streets, trying to gauge feelings in the area, and seeing if plans were being made for the next four weeks. Who will be watching who – and where?

To begin, we wanted to find out the key teams of interest – the serious contenders to look out for. In Marley's Barbers in Cowbridge, while Tom Farrington was having a trim, the chat was that Spain and Argentina seemed the most likely candidates to do well, with England a possiblity,

However, Galton's Barbers over in Llantwit believed Brazil and Germany (as in 'never write off the Germans') should also be added to the top group.

There was also mention of Holland and The Ivory Coast (despite Didier's elbow!) from other avid supporters.

Gerry Flemming and Colin Hetton were chatting back in Cowbridge about supporting England, even though the odds have been stacking against the team,

Alun John, who turns out regularly for Cowbridge RFC, thought "England should at least get to the semi-finals, but that they are already making excuses."

At The Gateway of India in Llantwit Major, staff were sprucing up the place with a fresh lick of paint while discussing the the countries and the key players, but all were looking forward to seeing the matches at home or sneeking a peek while they would working at the restaurant.

Bikash Das, from The Gateway, looked forward to the first match (South Africa v Mexico) saying "it would be a lovely game."

Pictures by HENRY BOORMAN

Given all the banter, The GEM asked if the rivalry, high spirits and the influence of alcohol could spill over into trouble on the streets in the Vale.

However, among the people we spoke to, the general consensus seemed to be that any troublesome behaviour would be mild.

However, some people thought there might be more tension in the city centres of the north of England, London and possibly Cardiff.

Martin McDermott said: " In South Africa maybe there will be more trouble, but not here. The trouble with Wales is they mainly support the rugby, and are probably not going to support England."

There was, however, concern about reports from South Africa of disturbances caused by fake tickets being sold to fans.

Patricia Harries and Veronica Goddard said that organisers should be making sure that they kept the rival fans apart. In fact, both felt that there can be trouble in Cardif. One added, "Every woman knows not to go shopping on their own in Cardiff when the football is on."

Agreeing that local towns were safe was Tom Lee, of Barry, He was planning on watching the first match at his local, the Park Hotel Pub.

Meanwhile, Gerry and Colin (Cowbridge) were going to be well away fromn the Vale, as both were going with their families to Gerry's son's pub, back in Scotland.

GEM reporter Philip Irwin (*speaking entirely for himself*) said that he could never understand it when Welsh people declined to support England. He said; "In rugby, there is a Welsh way of playing. Our players, in the main, play for Welsh clubs and believe in playing a certain way.

"When Wales win in rugby, it is a triumph for our way of playing the game!

"In football, our best players play in England and, let's face it, they play in a similar style.

Above: Abdul Salik, Bikash Das, Golam Kibria - The Gateway of India, Llantwit Major : "Lovely game"

Above: Colin Hetton, Gerry Flemming, Cowbridge : "We are going to be supporting England"

RIGHT: Martin McDermott, Llantwit Major: "In Wales, they mainly support the rugby"

As far as I am concerned, we here in Wales get two bites at the cherry.

"We can support Wales until they get knocked out, and then wish England well – apart from John Terry and Ashley Cole of course!"

The official view of The GEM, of course, is that we simply hope the best team wins, and that the competitition brings plenty of cheers, tense moments, lucky goals and (overall) some fantastic football!

YOUR VIEW?

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Uruguay v France - 19:30
Saturday, June 12
South Korea v Greece - 12:30
Argentina v Nigeria - 15:00
England v USA - 19:30
Sunday, June 13
Algeria v Slovenia - 12:30
Serbia v Ghana - 15:00
Germany v Australia - 19:30
Monday, June 14
Netherlands v Denmark - 12:30
Japan v Cameroon - 15:00
Italy v Paraguay - 19:30
Tuesday, June 15
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Noel Clarke's ambition slightly outstrips his ability in edgy drama

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHILE most will probably know him as Mickey, Rose's on/off boyfriend in *Dr Who*, Noel Clarke has proven to be more than just a footnote in cult TV history.

In 2006, Clarke wrote the acerbic *Kidulthood*, a film that showed just how gritty and troubling life on Britain's streets could be, before returning two years later with *Adulthood*, a film Clarke also directed as well as writing.

Critically acclaimed, Clarke has since made low-key turns in the likes of Doghouse and Centurion, but returns to the director's chair (alongside Mark Davis) having penned *4.3.2.1*.

It tells the story of four girls; Jo (Emma Roberts), a supermarket worker, Cassandra (Tamsin Egerton) who has headed to New York to meet her internet boyfriend, Kerrys (Shanika Warren-Markland), who is fighting with her brother and seemingly everyone around her and Shannon (Ophelia Lovibond) whose seemingly self-destructive attitude hides a dark secret.

When some stolen diamonds are thrown into the mix, the lives of the four girls rapidly go out of control, with all them having to face up to some harsh truths as things get more difficult for them...

Since making his writing debut with *Kidulthood*, Noel Clarke has been developing as one of the voices of urban Britain on film.

His first two works both shone a light on the Britain many of us glimpse in the papers, full of knife crime, drug dealing and disenfranchised youths and the lives they lead either by choice or necessity.

While both films concentrated on gritty worlds, they were both shot through with a verve and spark that very few filmmakers, British or otherwise, are producing at present.

Obviously Clarke holds no desire to be the poster boy for gritty Britain, so his latest foray is film that is decidedly American in influence, yet with a unique British flavour; it is also a case of ambition outstripping ability, though *4.3.2.1* should hardly be criticised for that.

Pulling duty and a half, having written and co-directed it, the film has all the fingerprints of Clarke's work thus far – smart dialogue, a tendency to be overtly 'street', characters that feel real and palpable - with far more scope and detail than his earlier scripts.

It is a film that takes the starting point of the lives of these four girls and attempts to do something a bit different with it.

The obvious influences on display are the likes of Quentin Tarantino and Kevin Smith (who shows up for a hugely entertaining cameo) in terms of Clarke's efforts at snappy dialogue, while the story comes straight from the likes of *Go* or *Amores Perros*, films whose skewed, time jumping narrative Clarke largely succeeds in aping.

Yet while it is a film in thrall to the above influences, it is also a film that somewhat sits in the shadows of those works; the dialogue certainly sparkles at times like the diamonds the film's plot runs around, but there are also moments where it is more dire-logue, Clarke unsuccessfully trying to put words in the mouths of characters that are both highly unlikely and, sometimes, ever so slightly daft.

The narrative concept meanwhile, despite its refreshing change of pace, doesn't quite click into place; while each of the girls have their own segment that intertwines with the story, some drag longer than others, while the film's denouement is a bit of a damp squib, the conclusion failing to satisfy the demands of the build-up.

His direction, along with Mark Davis, matches the script's pacey nature and coats both London and New York in a stylish sheen while catching the darkness of the cities, reflecting the mentalities of those living in them.

Once again, Clarke and Davis show ambition in the way they shoot the film, with the look glossy without being too neat, the pair doing a good attempt at capturing city life in a vibrant way.

They are also clever in their use of the split narrative, giving each segment a style of its own that fits together superbly well, while the visual identity is strong.

Considering the genesis of *4.3.2.1* was a critique of Clarke's supposed inability to write women well, he doesn't do a bad job with the central foursome, aided by some lively and captivating performances.

Ophelia Lovibond starts things off with a strong performance, the actress capturing the turmoil of a character facing massive upheavals while only just hinting at the damage done, and while her story strand isn't the most engaging, the actress' turn gives it a valuable sense of emotion and pathos.

Tamsin Egerton shows she is more than just a pretty face in her segment, showing both a light comedic touch and a sense for the dramatic, her strand, set in New York, both funny and also somewhat tragic, and Egerton's performance plays a big part in making it as good as it is.

Emma Roberts (niece of Julia, or daughter of Eric depending on which way you like your Roberts') makes a marked improvement from her numerous teenage film outings to something a bit more grown-up, and makes the switch well.

While hardly pulling up trees, she shows that she has more in her locker than the gurning and overacting that populates the genre in which she has made her name.

The stand-out turn, however, comes from Shanika Warren-Markland, whose ballsy character is the most memorable of the foursome.

With a hate-hate relationship with her brother (including one of most comedic drink spiking scenes in recent memory) to her outward attitude concealing a need to feel loved by her step-father, Warren-Markland's performance hits the spot and personifies the swagger and attitude Clarke is looking for.

With some nice smaller roles for the likes of Clarke himself, Sean Pertwee, Ben Miller and Mandy Patinkin, Clarke has certainly shown he can pull together a fine cast that do a great job, and that a little ambition in a British filmmaker is a wonderful thing to see.

It is an ambition that doesn't quite manage to make it all the way through, the film somewhat running out of puff before the finale, while the frenetic pace allows little in the way of reflection, the moments getting lost amongst the fast cuts.

But in spite of all that, Clarke should be thoroughly commended for thinking outside the box and announcing himself as a filmmaker to watch; *4.3.2.1* may be a little lacking, but its attempts at trying to more than just another British movie are more than worthy of praise.

VERDICT - Another solid outing from writer/co-director Noel Clarke, 4.3.2.1 is sassy film powered by four very good leading ladies and a script that goes far beyond what you would expect from a British film, let alone one from a non-established source like Clarke.

Its ambition outstrips its ability to a degree, but its high aim deserves to be rewarded. ENJOYABLE.

Fun day blossoms in the Gibbonsdown sunshine

ABOVE:
Jane Hutt AM with the organisers of the Gibbonsdown and Court Family Fun Day.

FINE weather and efficient organisation combined to make the annual Gibbonsdown and Court family fun day a huge success at Pencoedtre Park on Friday June 4.

Vale AM Jane Hutt reported: "The annual fun day has a firm place in the annual calendar of great Barry events and this year was extremely successful, with the events organised by the team, including belly dancing, Tae Kwon Do, the fantastic talent contest, Bro Radio, mountain climbing, circus skills and healthy living stalls. The sun shone and the families enjoyed themselves!"

Out and About with The GEM

Showcase opportunities for local art organisations

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's arts and community development team and Bridgend Festivals Committee have come together to invite art organisations throughout the county borough to exhibit their work during the summer months.

Art organisations are able to exhibit during the Bridgend County Show in Pencoed College from Friday, July 9-11, and also at the 'Fun in the Sun' family day and craft fayre at The Green, Coney Beach, Porthcawl from August 26-30.

The Bridgend County Show and 'Fun in the Sun' events attract huge amounts of visitors each year and will offer an opportunity for large numbers of people to see their work.

If you are an arts organisation, and would be interested in participating, contact Barry King, Director of Bridgend Festivals Committee on 01656 661338; or email king-barry@btconnect.com – and remember to tell him you read it in The GEM!

Howell's School celebrates 'Stay and Play' first birthday

BABIES and toddlers had a fun-packed morning at Howell's School, Llandaff, on May 11 as *Stay and Play* celebrated its first birthday.

Mums and grandparents enjoyed coffee and celebration cakes as their little ones played in the stimulating, bright and fun-filled environment.

They made party hats, sang songs and danced together to celebrate being part of a the year-old venture.

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WELSH pensioners have helped launch a new set of Royal Mail stamps, Britain Alone, that pay tribute to the war efforts of the Home Guard and the Land Girls – and readers of the Glamorgan GEM can win a presentation pack of the stamps in this month's competition.

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No correspondence will be entered into and judge's decision is final – good luck!

Ty Hafan's 'fantastic' day

THE last Sunday in June has become an important date in the diary for those who want to spend a fantastic day by the sea with entertainment, stalls, cream teas and plenty of activities for the kids.

The Ty Hafan Family Fun Day, to be held this year on Sunday, June 27, can provide all that and more. Visitor numbers have been increasing year on year, with nearly 2,000 people flocking to last year's event.

Gates open at 12noon with music from the Barry Brass Band, as well as the Copthorne Panto Company performing songs and music from favourite West End shows.

Displays will include the dogs from South Wales police and (most) children will love the snakes and creepy crawlies from Animal Zone UK.

The huge variety of stalls, ranging from ceramics and jewellery, to Indian shoes and clothing, provide an opportunity for the older generation to find that gift with a difference. The children can keep themselves busy on the bouncy castle, checking out the fire engine, the Formula 1 car or by having their portrait drawn by caricature artist Gremlyn.

Of course, there will be favourites of previous years, the Storm Troopers, to keep everyone in order.

Last year, one of the main attractions for gardeners proved to be the Ty Hafan garden stall with hundreds of plants being sold to give a huge boost to the fundraising on the day.

"Because of the generosity of people donating their excess plants and shrubs to us this year, we have an even bigger selection," commented Carole Jenkins from Ty Hafan.

"Many of the hanging baskets have been planted by some of the children and their parents and gardeners will be able to find some real bargains."

All funds raised at the Ty Hafan Family Fun Day will help to make a huge difference to life-limited children, young people and their families from across Wales.

For more information, visit www.tyhafan.org or contact 029 2067 2060.

Paddle steamers recall heroic Dunkirk rescue

THE paddle steamers *Waverley* and *Balmoral* are taking part in the 70th anniversary of Dunkirk, with special sailings until June 19.

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The Dunkirk evacuation took place in the spring of 1940 from May 27 to June 4. On May 29, *Waverley* was preparing to leave the beaches at La Panne with some 600 troops aboard.

The ship was under steady attack by German aircraft and fought valiantly, but with air attacks increasing as she tried to escape, a near miss disabled her rudder and she became a sitting target.

She was hit by two bombs and began to sink. Three hundred troops and sailors lost their lives. The anniversary was commemorated on board *Waverley* on June 8.

Sailing almost daily until June 19, passengers can step aboard *Waverley* at Penarth Pier for a cruise to the Devon seaside town of Ilfracombe, or continue on to Lundy Island, the well-known nature reserve.

More details on 0845 130 4647.

PACT meetings

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PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, on June 10 at 7.45pm.

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PUPILS, staff, parents and governors at Rhws Primary School celebrated the publication of the school’s Estyn inspection report with an open morning on May 21.

Classroom doors were thrown open and parents were able to experience, first-hand, some of the exciting and creative art activities their children get up to during the school day.

The morning began with a presentation from Year 4 pupils. They explained, to a large audience of parents, how the inspection had been organised and what the outcomes were.

Parents were delighted to hear that the school had received grade 1s for each of the seven key questions that make up an Estyn inspection.

Louise Lynn, the headteacher said, “Everyone is absolutely delighted with the inspection report. It validates what we have been striving to achieve and gives us a very strong platform upon which to build. We recognise that we still have areas to develop and can now face the challenges of the future knowing that we’re heading in the right direction.

“We are very proud of the achievements of all our pupils. They come to school each day full of excitement and enthusiasm and throw themselves whole heartedly into their learning. It is a real pleasure and a privilege to work with these talented youngsters and their families.”

Local councillor, Jeff James, said: “Under the leadership of Mrs Lynn, and with the support of governors and staff, the school has been shown to be excellent in every respect.

“There is a combination of great ambition and commitment to be the best which is shared by the chair of the governors and the staff.”

The school was also praised by Assembly Members Chris Franks and Leanne Wood, who commented: “The quality of teaching in lessons rated good or better was 91 per cent – against the Welsh average of 85 per cent. The amount of teaching rated outstanding at 34 per cent was twice the average.”

The inspectors said the school had “many outstanding features” and was an excellent school.

The Vale’s MP Alun Cairns said: “This is a report that the whole school, including all the children and parents, can be very proud of. The school provides a secure learning environment and the inspectors say that the children’s behaviour is outstanding.

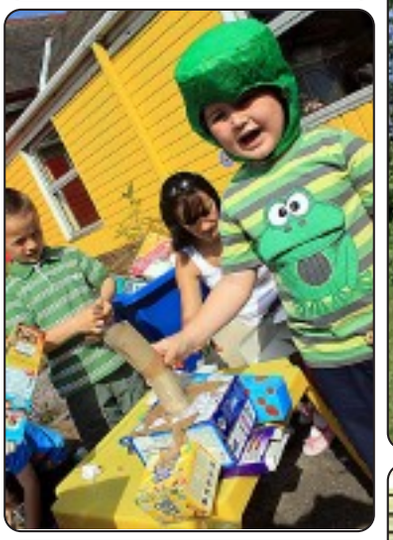
“The entire community at Rhoose can be proud of their village school and of the standard of education it is offering their children. Well done!”

Steve Williams, a parent and the chairman of governors, was thrilled with the report: “The governing body was always confident that Rhws Primary was a good school, but having such a positive report cements our beliefs and enables us to plan for the future with confidence.

“I am very pleased that the tireless efforts and enthusiasm of the teaching and support staff have been recognised. The school is fortunate to have an incredibly talented workforce at all levels and in all areas. Their commitment to providing high quality learning for the pupils is first class”.

Parents who attended the open morning were very positive about the experience, thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to work alongside their children.

One parent commented: “It’s great to be able to see what the children get up to when they’re in school. The approach to learning is very different from when I was in school. The activities I’ve been involved in today build on what the children are interested in and are great fun.” **KB**



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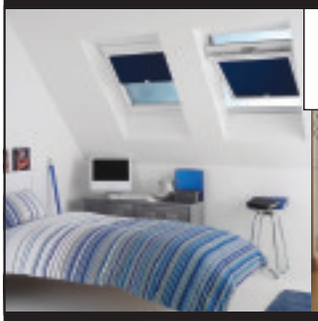

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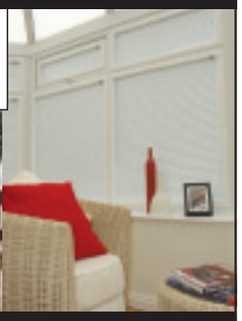

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A service will be held at 1pm on Monday June 14 at Llanblethian Church to celebrate Connie's life and to lay her ashes to rest next to her dear husband Cyril, beloved daughter Suzanne, and much loved Mam & Dad, Maudie and Glyn Thomas.

Connie lived all her life in Aberthin and the family hope that as many old friends and neighbours as possible will join them at the Church to welcome Connie home to Wales.

WOLDRIDGE Dilys

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital on June 4, 2010, Dilys of Llantwit Major.

Beloved wife of the late Henry and devoted mother of Ken and Dianne, and daughter in law Margaret. Dilys was a much loved grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday 15th June at 10.30.a.m. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu may be made to the British Heart Foundation c/o W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major (cheques only). Tel 01446 792489.

REES Aelwyn William

of Raglan, formerly of Penarth and Ystradowen, died peacefully on 7th June 2010.
Dearly loved by his family Stella, Mark, Rachel and Juliet, grandchildren and great grandson, and friend to many, he will be greatly missed.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Stanwell Rd Baptist Church, Penarth on Tuesday 15th June 2010 at 12 noon, followed by a cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.45pm.

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Mary would like to thank all the medical and care staff who helped to nurse Trevor.

Funeral Service at St John's Church, Newton on Friday 11th June at 11.30 followed by internment at Porthcawl Cemetery.

COLLINS Ronald Malcolm

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales are about to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan. Among the matters the Commission will consider are the size of the The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council and the number and boundaries of its electoral divisions based on the existing pattern of communities and community wards.

The Welsh Assembly Government has given Directions for the Commission's guidance in conducting the review. Copies of the Directions are available from the Commission's office at the address below.

Before they begin to formulate their draft proposals, the Commission invite any person or body having an interest in the review to send their initial comments in writing to: The Secretary, Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, CARDIFF CF10 3BE by 10 August 2010.

Please note that the comments received may be published. If the respondent does not wish to publicly disclose their name and address this must be stated expressly in the response.

EDWARD H LEWIS
Secretary

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STAGS FIRST TEAM DOMINATE THEIR LISVANE RIVALS

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic First XI entertained promotion rivals Lisvane in a highly anticipated 'top of the table' clash in which the winners would stretch clear of the chasing pack.

Baker lost the toss and was asked to field first. The innings began in wicket-taking fashion as the openers, Peter Hellyar and James Haswell, had the Lisvane opening batsmen struggling to cope with the new ball attack, and you could only tell that wickets were just around the corner.

This proved to be the case as they fell at regular intervals during the innings, and although Haswell failed to take a single wicket in his spell, he was providing the necessary pressure for Hellyar to take another four – taking his tally to 16 for the season.

These excellent spells were followed up by spells from Billy Usswald (3-31) and Steve Jones (2-10) and some excellent catches in the field.

The innings was totally dominated by the Stags and within 40 overs, the visitors were bowled out for 164 – an impressive all-round performance from the Stags in the field.

After the mid-session interval, the Barry opening batsmen, Lee Morgan and Nathan Baker, immediately got down to business.

Runs were easily made as both batsmen made the bowling attack look average, boundaries coming frequently throughout the innings.

The explosive play by Baker and the intelligent play by Morgan was proving to be a successful mix and with the score at 138-0 from 23 overs, it was a case of when the target was going to be reached.

Despite the loss of Baker for 95, the Stags were in full control and with a magnificent stroke by Andrew Buckland, the target was reached in just 26.4 overs for the loss of just one wicket. Morgan finished on 44 not out and Buckland on 9 not out.

The Stags claimed yet another 20 points and have now put daylight between themselves and the chasing pack, and with winnable matches against Llantwit Fardre and Newbridge on the horizon, the Stags look a good bet for promotion this season.

HANDICAPPED 2ND XI SLIP BACK INTO LOSING WAYS

DAMON LEAKE took his Barry Athletic Second XI all the way to Brecon, knowing that a victory would steer his side clear of the relegation places.

However, they had to do it with only nine men (thanks to a combination of injury and the Stereophonics concert in Cardiff).

The Stags knew that it would be a tough day all round, but Leake won the toss and chose to bat first.

The opening partnership, Damon Leake and Ashley Baker, immediately settled into the game and were beginning to control the match with the score at 63-0 from the first 12 overs.

Boundaries were fairly easy to find and the Stags' chances of a shock win were gradually increasing.

The Brecon bowling attack looked very ordinary and was beginning to suffer at the hands of some quite exquisite batting performances.

Both players passed the 50-mark and showed signs that a century was very probable. The first wicket partnership passed the 200-run mark, before Baker dragged on to his stumps, falling four runs short of a maiden century (96).

The runs didn't stop though – new batsman, Jake Griffett, showed his batting class, scoring a very useful 28 from only 16 balls. Leake departed shortly after, also for 96, after being bowled.

The job was left to Martin Baker and Glan Williams, who finished off the innings with no scares from the Brecon bowlers. The Stags finished on 268-3 from their 50 overs.

After the mid-session interval, the Stags caused the home side some problems, with runs hard to come by in the opening 10 overs.

Bowlers Jake Griffett and Dafydd Frost made life hard for Brecon and with chances coming from all angles, the Stags could be in for a winning chance.

These hopes were soon diminishing as the lack of bowling depth soon showed for the Stags. A combination of lack of bowlers and a perfect batting track brought the game back into Brecon's favour and despite the efforts of Martin Baker (2-58) and Neil Holmes (1-38) and some admirable fielding, Brecon reached their 269 target with four overs to spare.

The Stags now sit just above the relegation places, and from this point, it looks like it could be two teams from four to be relegated to Division Three.

This week, the Stags face a crucial match against Hoover Sports CC, who lie in the relegation places.

3RD XI SUFFER CRUSHING DEFEAT

ANDY ELLIS' Barry Athletic Third XI played host to Creigiau CC last Sunday in a match that was expected to be a tight encounter.

Ellis lost the toss and was asked to field first. The innings began in dominant fashion for the Stags, with Callum Twomey and Andy Ellis swinging the ball both ways, causing problems for the batsmen.

The first wicket came when Baker took a bullet of a catch at extra-cover, diving low, from the bowling of Twomey.

After that, the Stags were in full control and the visitors were reduced to 50-7 after some great spells from Callum Twomey (8-3-34-1), Dafydd Frost (7-0-25-1), Andy Ellis (8-2-23-3) and Ashley Baker (6-3-12-1).

These were also backed up by more than decent bowling performances by Richie Roberts and Sam Johnson.

However, the match was brought back in the balance, with the eighth wicket partnership passing 100 runs from the next 20 overs.

Creigiau finished the innings on 176-8 from their 40 overs.

After the tea session, the Stags made their efforts to chase down 177 in order to win. However, the pundits from Stag Sports News threw their predictions out of the window as things began badly .

By the end of the 10th over, the Stags were already at 41-3 and batsmen Andy Ellis, Jonathan Phillips and Tom Ellis were all back in the shed.

The fierce bowling attack tore through the Stags batting line-up and wickets were tumbling fast.

Only Scott Malpas (25) and Andrew Buckland (19) provided any sort of resistance for the Stags as they tumbled to a miserable 71 all out.

This crushing defeat all but ends their title hopes, and they must rebuild quickly if they want to finish in the top half.

REMINDER

BARRY Athletic CC interim chairman, Martin Baker, would like to remind players that the monthly party will take place on Saturday, June 12.

The party will commence after the Barry Second XI match against Hoover Sports CC, and all are invited to come along and enjoy the night at the Barry Oval.

There will be live music, from Mark Moulden, as well as a barbecue (weather permitting).

AB

Cadoxton A win away at Llantwit

THIS week's matches were all against Llantwit Major, with the Firsts away in the Munro Cup, and only two points were gained.

This was from a narrow one shot win for Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink. Jim Davies almost made another two points on his rink, but with a four-shot lead, five shots were lost on the final two ends.

Danny Ahearn got the better of Graham Brown's rink, and Alan Gibbard only allowed Alan Carpenter four singles after an early 'four' cancelled out a 'four' against.

R Doble, J Sugden, L Davies, A Carpenter - 8,

A Hayes, T Ingerville, N Scouse, A Gibbard - 28;

G Powell, P Ellis, J Stewart, G Brown - 11,

D Mutlow, B Cook, N Young, D Ahearn - 18;

R Cole, G Solomon, L Cundliffe, K Chedgzoy - 13,

C Colling, T Bagstaff, M Aplin, C Hiscock - 12;

D Evans, M Curtis, G Davies, J Davies - 21,

F Pike, D Johnes, S Booker, G Jones - 22 ;

Final score: 53 - 80

Cadoxton v Llantwit (CML3)

The CML 3 match was played at Llantwit and Graham Brown met Danny Ahearn again, but this time the tables were turned with an impressive win, competently assisted by Andrew Hatcher, Peter Ellis and David Evans.

Kelvin Chedgzoy completed another success with his rink against Graham Jones. This was accomplished with a superb 'take out' on the final end to make two shots when two shots down.

The other two rinks went in favour of the home side.

T Bishop, S Pycroft, J Davies, K Chedgzoy - 22,

F Pike, B Cook, S Booker, G Jones - 18;

D Evans, H Hellyar, H Craven, D Kuhnell - 10,

C Colling, D Johnes, M Aplin, C Hiscock - 27;

P Ellis, W Eadie, A Hatcher, G Brown - 22,

T Bagstaff, A Hayes, N Young, D Ahearn - 13;

M Curtis, D Tuck, L Davies, G Jones - 17,

WP Jones, T Ingerville, N Scouse, A Gibbard - 29.

Final score: 71- 87

Cadoxton A v Llantwit Major A – CML6

It was a much better outcome when the A sides met at Victoria Park. John Stewart led his team to a win on all rinks to take the maximum points. His particular rink held a comfortable lead of 12-6 after 12 ends, but the next four reduced the lead to just one. However, they rallied and won four of the last five ends.

Graham Garland's rink scored a five on the seventh end to give them a three–shot advantage, which was whittled away to trail by three after 16 ends. A run of four twos regained a winning margin.

D Brook skipped his rink to a five-shot lead after nine ends. This was cut back and a four against on the 17th took away the lead. A strong finish including a five, ensured victory.

A close match throughout was played on the rink skipped by Roy Harding, and a single on each of the last three ends brought a one shot success.

G Solomon, I Dunbar, L Little, J Stewart - 17,

K Morgan, M Jones, R French, C Roach - 12;

G Powell, S Clarke, I Robertson, G Garland - 21,

J Crane, N Parry, K Alexander, M Adams - 18;

R Knight, K Tanner, G Davies, D Brook - 24,

W Evans, M Mason, R Harding, E Hacker - 18;

R Doble, S Clements, A Carpenter, R Harding - 15,

A Horgan, R Williams, P Clarke, A Harvey - 14.

Final score: 77 - 62.

Barrivale pair take Welsh title

Jane Brook, with the trophy.

TWO Barrivale members have triumphed once again in a national competition.

This time, Jane Brook and Joan Jenkins won the Welsh Bridge Union ladies pairs championship, held at Pen-y-Bont on Saturday, June 5.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information ring 01446 733425.

Sully Sports RFC juniors get a fancy bit of kit!

ADMIRAL Insurance of Cardiff sponsored the Sully Sports under-11s and under-12s with a set of training tops, for their recent visit to our twin town, Fécamp, in Normandy, France.

The photo is of Richard Stafford (left) of Admiral Insurance presenting Alistair Davies (right), chairman, Sully Sports RFC (junior section) with a training top, backed by some of the players.

Mr Davies expressed the appreciation of the Sully Sports RFC (junior section) for the donation of the training tops, and said that the touring party would be smartly dressed during their tour, with the added bonus that it was much easier to 'keep tabs' on the players throughout the visit.

The club will be running teams at under-7, 8, 9, 12 and under-13 next year, and are currently recruiting players for the 'missing' age groups. A registration day will be held early next month and all ages are most welcome.

Parents can contact the chair (Alistair Davies, 07884 361494) or coaches Ray Gallivan (07860 928986) and John Stafford (07884 368304) for further details. **MS**

Local Boccia players to represent Britain

SPECIAL Olympics Great Britain has just announced that Wales has 10 athletes and four coaches selected to be part of the Special Olympics GB Team to attend the World Games in Athens 2011, and in the Vale there are two athletes and one coach that will be taking part in the sport of Boccia, which is a new sport for these games.

Susan George and (right) Heather Williams.

Chairman Jeff Savory of Special Olympics Wales said that this would be a great experience and opportunity for these athletes who live and train within the Vale.

"I know that they will have an experience of a lifetime and will be great ambassadors for Wales and GB."

Wales will also be providing the Boccia team to compete in the Isle of Man National Games in July this year.

Head coach Val Savory of Boccia Rollers, based in Cadoxton Sports Hall, Barry will be accompanying Heather Williams and Susan George as their coach to this event.

Val stated that she was very proud of these two ladies who had learnt this new game.

She added: "We have a big task ahead to help fund these athletes and coaches to attend this prestigious event, and each athlete will have to find £2,000.

If there is anyone interested in sponsoring or arranging a fundraising event on our behalf, please contact the SO Wales on 01446 749144 or e-mail: jeff@dahenol.fsnet.co.uk

Park Lions under-12s say a huge thank you

PARK LIONS FC would like to say a huge 'well done' to their under-12s team on their first season in the junior league.

The boys and their coaches have worked hard and have had an enjoyable and successful season. We would also like to say a big thank you to John Woodham for his generosity and support.

For more information on the club please, contact Kim on 01446 738486.

ROMILLY OPEN THEIR SEASON WITH SOLID WIN

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club entertained Troedyrhiw Bowling Club at Romilly Park for the first 1st Division match of the season.

The weather was kind, the green looked good, but proved to be tricky. Romilly went on to win the match aggregate 78-68 and secure 10 points.

Dave Wright's rink of R Cowling, R Blueit and G Rees were the big winners on the day and held the lead from start to finish. They allowed their opponents to win just six of the 21 ends with some classy bowling and sound tactics from skip Dave, to win the rink 28-10.

Ian Bryan's rink of C Collins, G Eastment and M Gershenson also had a strong game. They lost the first end but raced ahead for the rest of the game with an impressive display of bowling that included a big six on the 13th end, going on for a 23-16 win.

Mel Newman's rink of C Geen, J Jones and G Cogbill had a tough game against strong opponents. After 10 ends, the match was level at seven shots apiece. However, the 11th end was lost by a big seven shots, albeit it was recovered over the next four ends when Romilly gained seven shots to draw level 14-all.

Nevertheless, Troedyrhiw then finished the remaining ends stronger to win the rink 18-21.

Brian Foscolo's rink of H Jones, D Bannister and G Trepleton drew the short straw and were overwhelmed by their opponents from the start to finish, who went on to win the rink 9-21.

Skip Brian gave full praise to the Troedyrhiw players for their bowling skills and that they deserved the win.

At the after match get together, the Troedyrhiw captain congratulated the Romilly players on their win and stated that his club had not lost a match for two years in the CML 1st Division.

The Romilly 'A' side travelled to the Cardiff Heath Bowling Club for their Division 5 match and came out winners, 90-62, securing 12 points.

Bryn Gough's rink of D Ford, C Coles and K Clements were on fire in the match and led from start to finish, scoring a big six on the 17th end for a 26-14 win.

Vince McFarland's rink of P Hoad, T Bloomfield and P Denly also had a strong game, scoring a big six on the 17th end for a 26-10 win.

Alf Woodcock's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and K Westgate were also on form in their game and went ahead on the 10th end 9-7.

They stayed in front until the end with some strong scoring to win the rink 26-9.

Bob Wyatt's rink of B Cheal, C Davies and A Jones drew the short straw again, with their Heath opponents in sparkling form, they led from start to finish to win the rink 10-29.

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Garden open

ON Sunday, June 13, at 10am-5pm, the garden at Bordervale Plants, Ystradowen, Cowbridge, will be open for the National Garden Scheme.

Admission £2.50; children free. Parking on road past corner, or field if dry. Children must be supervised.

Cowbridge boys tennis victory

THE year-8 and year-10 Cowbridge Comprehensive boys tennis team is going from strength to strength, after another convincing win, this time over local rivals St Cyres.

Year-10 captain Tom Kamal led from the front and had a 6- 0 win over Alex Vowles, followed by wins for Mike Barnett and Sean Boga Lake both with a 6-1 score line.

Theo Mann (year-9) narrowly lost his singles 4-6 but made up for it in the doubles, partnered by Tom Kamal, with a 6-5 win. Barnett and Boga Lake, playing doubles, sealed a great win for year-10 with a 6-1.

The year-8 boys had a similar result to year-10. Skipper David Humphreys had a 6-0 win over Ben Baston, followed by wins for Alex Greaves 6-1, Matt Howells 6-3, and Matt Harper 6-0.

In the doubles, Humphreys and Greaves and Howells and debutant Matty Roberts both had 6-0 wins.

The lads face a tougher test next week with games against Whitchurch Comprehensive.

ATHLETICS

IN the under-15 Cardiff & Vale County Championships there were three individual winners for Cowbridge girls.

Nancie Edwards, for the third consecutive year, won the 1,500 metres walk by seven seconds, (9.46). Annabel Curle won the high jump with a jump of 1.45m and Isobel Armour won the discus with the last throw of the competition with a distance of 19.22 metres.

Other finishing positions in the finals included Caitlin Allin, third in the high jump (1.40m) and sixth in the long jump and (4.06m). Annabel Curle also came fourth in the 800m (2.38.8) and 13th in the javelin (12.53m). Isobel Armour came third in the shot (7.53m). Miriam Bennett came fifth in the 1,500m (5.43.9). Sarah Lewis came seventh in the 75 metre hurdles – (15.1 seconds). Liz Whitehouse, Jo Wilkins, Mairi Boxall, Izzy Eddy-Williams took part in the 4 x 100 metres and came seventh (57.5). Jo Wilkins came seventh in the long jump (4.05 metres), Eleanor Morgan came eighth in the 1,500 metre walk – (10.36 minutes), and Anna Wynne came 12th in the discus (14m 24).

Other competitors who didn't make the finals were: Izzy Eddy-Williams, 100m came fifth (15.0); Rebecca John 200m, third (30.5).

Local syndicate's good win in Pembrokeshire

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

***MUSIQUE EN TETE*, owned by the Vale of Glamorgan Bird, White & Prior Group syndicate and trained at Merthyr Mawr by former rider Jonathan Tudor, landed the intermediate race at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed near Scleddau, which saw the end of the 2009/10 Welsh hunt racing season.**

Ridden by Pembrokeshire farmer's son John Mathias (aged 19), *Musique En Tete* was prominent throughout and won by three lengths from *Duggans Forge*, whose rider Jodie Hughes rode over the last three fences without reins as the buckle came loose and she hung on by holding on to the horse's breast plate.

A 5-1 chance, *Musique En Tete* was the third leg of a treble for Mathias who had earlier won on *Ben Tally Ho* (restricted) and *Most Definately* (Men's Open).

The open maiden race was won by Ross Farr's *Willottie* who, well ridden by Mr Farr's daughter Emily (aged 19), won by five lengths from the favourite *Lady Trig*, who like *Musique En Tete*, is trained by Jonathan Tudor and qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt.

Jodie Hughes (27), chalked-up her first ever double when winning the members' race on *Fealing Real*, a 14-1 outsider, and the ladies' open race on *Naughty By Nature* who went off the 11-10 favourite.

Both horses were saddled by Rebecca Curtis, who trains under National Hunt rules at Newport, Pembrokeshire.

The former, an eight-year-old chesnut gelding, who won by 10 lengths from *Seanie The Smuggler*, is up for sale; however, the latter, a winner of two hurdle, races will now go summer racing.

Donal's double

Donal 'Duck' Fahy, who rides for Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams, landed a 54-1 double at Worcester on Sunday with *Cannon Fire* and *New Rackheath*.

Cannon Fire, an 8-1 chance, won the Ladbrokes Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle by 12 lengths from the favourite *Command Marshall* and *New Rackheath*, a 5-1 shot, took the Neu-Servo Handicap Chase by three parts of a length from *More Shennangans.*

Both horses are trained by Evan Williams, who had a double earlier in the week at Ffos Las with *West With The Wind* (Paul Moloney) and *Ajman* (Donal Fahy).

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, who was successful with *Maggie Aron* Richard Johnson) at Ffos Las, also had a winner at Worcester on Sunday with *Silver Story* who landed the Ladbrokes Beginners' Chase under stable jockey Richard Johnson.

Pony racing

Bridgend's Connor Flint (14), chalked-up his 41st success on his *Stambrook Marquessa* in the mixed open pony race at the recent Countryside Alliance Point-To-Point meeting, coming home three lengths ahead of *Oscar*, ridden by Jordon Williams.

The 12th open pony race went to *Bugsy*, partnered by Alice Tudor, of Merthyr Mawr. Alice is the daughter of former point-to-point rider Jonathan Tudor.

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BANGA MASHES LISVANE AS THE WANDERERS CRUISE TO VICTORY

BARRY WANDERERS SECONDS v LISVANE FOURTHS

THE Saturday Seconds entertained Lisvane at Hayes Point looking to continue their recent run of good form. Skipper Chris Barnes won the toss and in ideal cricketing conditions, adopted the policy of getting runs on the board by electing to bat.

Barnes, along with Peter Coleman, made batting look easy for the first 20 overs, accumulating runs at almost five an over.

With 50s in their minds, both batsmen fell short in the nervous 40s.; First, Barnes to a soft caught and bowled for 48 and then a tired looking Coleman, caught for 47.

Drinks were welcomed by both teams, and it seemed to have a detrimental effect on the Wanderers batsmen as runs dried up, with only 50 runs coming between the 23rd and 40th over.

Edwards, Ellis and Ferguson all departed to the wily slow bowling of Steve Williams, who finished with figures of 5 for 24.

However, Banga by name and Banga by nature ensured that the innings ended with a flourish as some mighty blows were dealt, with Banga finishing on 39 not out off 22 balls – including two big sixes.

Andy Fenton and Mike Denning also chipped in with valuable runs to see the Wanderers gain maximum batting points and finish on a respectable 209 for 7 off 45 overs.

The Wanderers were eager not to let the momentum go and started off in great fashion, restricting Lisvane to 4 for 2 early doors, with Ellis taking a great catch in the covers off Alun Wade's bowling and then Andy Fenton clean bowling Morgan with a great inswinging delivery.

G Williams looked to steady the innings for Lisvane, but he was being offered little support at the other end as wickets started to fall regularly.

Not for the first time this season, Phil John and Mark Ellis were bowling well together as first change bowlers. John, after a shaky first over, had Junior magnificently caught by a diving Barnes in the outfield and then it was Ellis's turn to shine as Brian Gist took a great catch behind the stumps to remove Quadeer for 10.

Ellis took a further three wickets to restrict Lisvane to 87 for 9 before bowling the last man for career best figures of 5 for 15.

A quality performance all round from the Wanderers – sound batting, good bowling and no catches dropped – which is worth noting as this happens about as many times as Mark Ellis taking five wickets (not often for the records).

Barry Wanderers won by 112 runs and gained maximum points. The Wanderers now travel to Girlings/Croesyceiliog on Saturday for what will be a tough away fixture.

Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man of the match: Mark Ellis.

WET WICKET PROVES TO BE TEAM'S DOWNFALL

THE least said about this game the better!

Skipper Fenton won the toss, and typically batted. However, the previous night's rain had affected the wicket and made life difficult.

Ferguson was run out and Peter Webb looked handy with 16, as did Aled Hughes with 18 and Jonny Hill with 17. But from 67 for 3, BWCC capitulated to 87 all out.

BWCC then fielded ridiculously and gave at least 25 runs away in misfields, with Gareth Hughes the only successful bowler.

Ferguson took a very good catch and Lisvane were soon winners by 9 wickets.

Adult training sessions are on Tuesday evenings 6pm to 8pm, and junior sessions are on Fridays 6pm to 8pm.

For more information, contact club captain and youth co-ordinator James Hassett on barrywandererscc@hotmail.co.uk or on 07771931100.

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Cowbridge Comprehensive School sports report

CRICKETERS BATTLE BRAVELY IN LORD TAVERNERS' CUP KNOCK-OUT

THE school's under-15 cricket team played the first round of the Lord Taverners Cup against Caerleon Comprehensive School.

The game was played on the Barry Athletic Cricket Club ground, Barry Island, on a glorious day in May.

Cowbridge batted first on a good wicket but lost Daniel Peters early on to the Caerleon captain, Batchelor. Sam Wood and captain Wil Antoni repaired the damage, only for Wood to be caught in the covers at 24 for 2.

Jack Davies came in and played shots from the off but lost partner Antoni at 61 for 3. Young Todd Wilcox pushed the score along with Davies, before Davies was bowled out at 84 for 4; Mathew Jacka helped Wilcox to a partnership of 43, who remained at the crease until the last over to help the school finish on 170 all out last ball.

The Caerleon reply got off to a good start with a partnership of 30. S Davies played some excellent shots in his 56 to keep Caerleon in the game, but the return of pace bowlers Antoni and Davies at the end of the innings, with wickets by Antoni (three in one over) and tight bowling by Davies, made sure Cowbridge won the game by nine runs.

ABOVE: The under-15 cricket team.

Cowbridge 170 all out – Jack Davies 36, Todd Wilcox 33, Sam Wood 13, Mathew Jacka 12, James Lister-Simms 12. Bowling: James Batchelor 3 wickets for 15 off 7 overs.

Caerleon 163 for 9 – S Davies 56, J Batchelor 21; Wil Antoni 3 for 39 off 7 overs, Jack Davies 2 for 16 off 7 overs, Harri Collier 2 for 28 off 7 overs.

Round two was a visit to Millfield School in Somerset. This was another opportunity for the team to play against one of the best under-15 teams in England on their own first team pitch, which would not look out of place in Lords.

Wil Antoni won the toss and batted first. A steady opening partnership by Sam Wood and Daniel Peters, followed by another good partnership from Antoni and Jack Davies, meant that Cowbridge were 81 for 2 at the halfway stage.

After the drinks break, things went completely the wrong way. With poor shot selection, Cowbridge were under great pressure from the Millfield bowlers and slumped to 98 all out.

The match saw a good effort from the bowlers to defend such a small total in 40 overs, but there was never any doubt that Millfield would win, which they did with overs to spare.

However, this was a great experience for the boys to play at such a fantastic venue, and they are looking forward to qualifying for next year's Lord Taverners competition.

Cowbridge 98 all out – Wil Antoni 32, Jack Davies 21, Sam Wood 11.

Year-8 cricket

YEAR-8 played Ysgol Llangynwyd, Maesteg, and lost by seven runs.

Llangynwyd 76 for 8 wickets. Cowbridge 69 for 5 wickets – Daniel Evans 13, John Extra 27.

Year-8 played year-7 and won by seven wickets.

Year-8 97 for 8 wickets – Sean Rowland 15, Ben Crosby 15; Robert David 2 for 7, Miles Davies 2 for 8.

Year-7 99 for 3 – Oliver Pike 22, Jonathan Harvey 22, Mathew Harper 15.

Year-8 (A) played Llandaff Cathedral School, Cardiff, and lost by nine wickets.

Year-8 92 for 4 – Neil Sykes 10, Ben Crosby 10, Sean Rowland 20.

Cathedral 94 for 1 wicket – S Morris 44 not out, Ben Crosby 1 for 12.

Year-8 (B) played Llandaff Cathedral School, and lost by 60 runs.

Cathedral 129 for 4 – Tom Owen 2 for 21.

Year-8 (B) 69 for 9.

Year-7 (A) played Llandaff Cathedral School and won by 11 runs.

Year-7 103 for 6 wickets – Jonathan Harvey 26 not out, Mathew Harper 16, Tom Lucas 10.

Cathedral 92 all out – Jonathan Harvey 3 for 8 (including a hat-trick in last over), Daniel Oddy 3 for 10.

Year-7 (B) played Llandaff Cathedral School and Ellis Rosser hit three off the last delivery to win the game.

Cathedral 93 for 5 – Amos Booth 2 for 7, Edward Couzens 1 for 5, Ronnie Vogel 1 for 8.

Cowbridge 94 for 6 – David Humphries 23, Amos Booth 13.

Year-7 played Bro Morgannwg and won by 45 runs.

Cowbridge 104 for 5 – Jonathan Harvey 29 not out, Mathew Harper 12, Robert David 11, Oliver Pike 11 not out.

Bro Morgannwg 59 for 7 – Ieuan Ridout 2 for 10, Luke John 2 for 13, Amos Booth 1 for 5, Adam Jones 1 for 10, Oliver Pike 1 for 1.

Plate win finishes off a fine season for the Huskies

THE Huskies' second team met the West Wales Tropics in the final of the SWVBA Senior Plate Final at Michael Sobell Leisure Centre, Aberdare.

This was a stern test for the young side against a team playing a division above them, who had just secured their first division status for another year. The Huskies, on the other hand, were short-handed due to a number of their players being cup-tied.

The first quarter was slow on points but fast on pace, a theme that would carry on to the final second of the game. The Tropics punished a disorganised Huskies' man-to-man defence to go 18-8 up for the quarter.

The beginning of the second quarter looked like much of the same, with the Tropics scoring two baskets within the first minute. The Huskies' game plan suddenly came together – defence tightened, offensive points racking up the scoreboard and a half-time score of 32-28, a complete turnaround from the misfortunes of the first quarter.

With the pace of the game taking its toll on both teams, the point rate dropped. Mistakes crept into the players' games and silly fouls were given on both sides leaving key players in foul trouble.

However, the Tropics missed eight out of a possible nine free throws, a statistic that came back to haunt them with a third quarter score of 45-37.

The final quarter saw an injection of pace from the Tropics. However, this failed to materialise in serious points on the board and in the eighth minute of the final quarter, the score was 55-50 to the Huskies.

Taking the strain of the Tropics' offence saw coach Cooper and David Pitman getting fouled out. The Tropics managed to find holes in the Huskies tired defence to bring the game to one point (55-54) with seven seconds to go.

All the Huskies had to do was inbound the ball and hold it to win the game. A misunderstanding between the refs and Huskies inbounded the ball illegally, so the ball was turned over to the Tropics!

The Huskies, not dwelling on the call, swung into defensive action applying an inbound denial defence. The Tropics received the ball and with five seconds on the clock, attacked the Huskies' end, but they retrieved the ball and ran down the clock.

The final score was 55-54 to the Huskies.

Coach Cooper said after the final: "Our first season together we came good! I am so happy, the team showed awesome spirit, even when the Tropics came at us at the end we knew what we had to do and we took the strain… there was never ever any doubt we were going to win!"

Preparations start for next season in August. In the meantime, the club are looking at securing sponsorship for next year to enable them to continue the progress made this year.

Further contact information can be found at www.barryhuskies.net, our Facebook page Barry Huskies Basketball Club or by contacting Alun Rees on 029 2053 1531.

Win at Barry for Cadoxton ladies

CADOXTON ladies travelled to St Fagans for an evening league game.

Rink one: Cadoxton P Bryant P Davies, P Cox J Tuck 4. 3/4 – St Fagans 19.

St Fagans dominated the game by winning 10 ends of this 15-end match. Cadoxton ladies won five ends but for one shot each. Regrettably, a fixture book error caused a lady to be late and resulted in the team a quarter of a shot.

Rink two: Cadoxton J Pycroft, T Parry, N Clissett, M O Callaghan 13 – St Fagans 15.

Although St Fagans started extremely strongly, with eight shots in the bag for the first four ends, Cadoxton ladies fought back well. Ends five to nine saw Cadoxton take the lead by scoring a total of 12 shots.

With the score at 12/8 on end 11, Cadoxton gained another shot to make them the dreaded unlucky 13. St Fagans fought back and brought the scores equal on the penultimate end. In some exciting bowling, St Fagans scored two more shots to win the game.

On a very hot afternoon, Barry Central welcomed Cadoxton to play the Thursday afternoon league match.

Rink one: Cadoxton – J Pycroft, P Cox, P Davies, E Osbourne 17 – Barry Central – C Windle, P Ditchburn, N Charles, J Thomas 13.

Barry Central started with a flourish, taking the first two ends. From end three to 11, Cadoxton retaliated and scored well (14-5 to Cadoxton). The Cadoxton ladies took an extra shot but then did not score for five ends, giving Central ladies the chance to catch up. A two was scored on end 17, leaving Barry Central needing to score six or more to win. They bagged a single to finish the score at 17-13.

Rink two: Cadoxton – A Jones, N Hitchen, D Evans, M O Callaghan 18 – Barry Central – J Bullock, P Widger, R Gwilliam J Morgan 13.

There was very little to choose between these teams up to end 11. The scoring was nip and tuck all the way. By the 14th end, Central were on that unlucky 13, which they just could not seem to get past. The last four ends saw Cadoxton score seven shots to win the game.

Rink three: Cadoxton – A Rees, C Bentley, N Clissett, P Currie 21 – Barry Central – B Davies, T Hawkins, M Farnden, P Bowyer 15.

In this exciting game, the teams were level on 13 after 13 ends. Then, a five scored on the 16th end by Cadoxton made the difference.

Final score: Cadoxton 56 – Barry Central 41.

DD

The new Honda Jazz is full of bright ideas

THE designers at Honda say that their new Jazz is bursting with new ideas that help to make it one of the most complete supermini is ever made.

A Honda spokesman said: "The previous Jazz was such a successful car that creating its successor was always going to be a challenge. But by enhancing the car's qualities, the engineers at Honda have taken the Jazz on to the next stage, producing a car with even greater flexibility, more interior space and a 'bigger car' feel."

The latest Jazz offers a range of lively, economical petrol engines,which will appeal to the increasing number of cost-conscious motorists and downsizers.

The new model, says Honda, is a formidable second generation car that raises the bar even further in the highly competitive supermini segment.

To improve the car, the development team looked at the few areas where Jazz had come under criticism and improved them, with improvements to the ride and handling.

Changes to the suspension settings have made the ride more supple and comfortable – particularly at the rear – while the steering feels more natural,and handling is more stable, creating a 'big car' feel but remaining as manoeuverable as ever.

There's greater versatility with easier-to-use, one-motion Magic Seats and an innovative, new Double-Trunk (on 1.4-litre models); plus, increased cabin space.

The new model has a more contemporary cabin design, and uses high quality materials and trim.

There's also a comprehensive equipment list, including iPod connectivity.

The fact the Jazz is so practical is the reason it attracts a wide range of people, from grandparents and driving instructors, to families with babies and nurses.

This broad appeal is one of the reasons why the car has featured at, or near, the top of the sales charts every year it has been on sale n the UK.

The average age of a Jazz customer is 63 years old and the new car will continue to exceed the demands of this more mature market.

However,the car's sharp new looks and 'bigger car' feel will also appeal to younger customers and those wishing to downsize.

You are cordially invited to the launch of the brand new CR-Z at Bassetts Honda Bridgend on Tuesday June 15, 2010 from 10am-6pm.

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Bridge club results

LATEST Vale bridge club results:

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, Monday, May 24:

1st, Vida Halford and Glayn Williams 61.34 per cent; 2nd, Marion Stephenson and Graham Norris 59.03; 3rd, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner 57.41; 3rd, Joan Jenkins and Jane Brook 57.41; 5th, Teri Pollard and Sara Bartlett 55.56; 6th, Pat and Brian Swain 54.63.

Cowbridge & District Bridge Club, Tuesday, May 25:

1st, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 61.34, 2nd, Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 63.10; 3rd, Teri Pollard and David Wright 61.90; 4th, Mearl Owen and Debbie Rosevear 55.56; 5th, Pat and Brian Swain 52.78; 6th, Marian East and Pauline McAllen 51.59.

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01 **51 PEUGEOT 206 2.0 Coupe Cabriolet SE 2-dr.** In platinum silver with full black astrakan leather interior, digital climate control, cd, 16 inch alloy wheels, front fogs, only 46,010 miles **£3,995**

01 **Y VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.4S 3-dr.** In reflex silver met with Pepe interior, sunroof, body coloured bumpers, cd, immobiliser, full VW service history, only 68,350 miles **£3,495**

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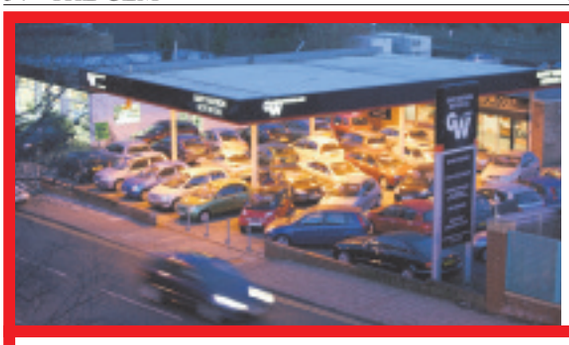

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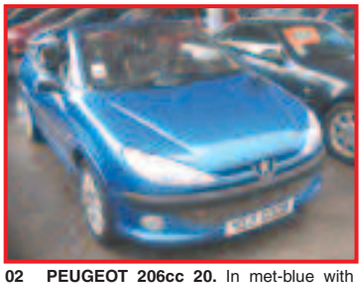

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Wales must learn not to take the foot off the pedal

(and cut out those basic errors) if they hope to join Big Five in the fast lane

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

WARREN GATLAND's candid post-match summing up said it all: "*In the opening 25 minutes, we were clinical, accurate and 16-3 up - and then we caught some sort of disease. I don't know what it is***…"**

The bewildered head coach was not the only one among the 60,000-strong crowd to scratch his head in exasperation, after watching stop-go Wales spurn a real opportunity to record only a second victory in 104 years over South Africa, at a sun-bathed Millennium Stadium on Saturday.

In the first quarter, history seemed there for the making, with Wales for once coming out of the starting blocks in commendably determined style and rocking the unfamiliar-looking Springbok line-up back on their heels.

The pressure reaped dividends, with a drop goal and superb breakaway try by James Hook, which was converted by Stephen Jones, who also landed two penalties.

At that point, the world champions, minus many of their first choice personnel, were struggling to establish cohesion, and able only to muster a single penalty in reply.

At 16-3, Wales had the vital early platform they needed on which to build a morale-boosting win over rattled opponents who were patently at sixes and sevens.

Tellingly, while Kiwis, Wallabies and Springboks in this situation would have gone on to ruthlessly ram home their advantage, once again the Dragon's fire was doused more by their own basic shortcomings in both set piece and loose, than by superior opposition.

The self-inflicted rot inevitably started with the all too familiar sight of a chronically misfiring Welsh lineout, which again began to resemble rugby's frenetic version of musical chairs (where finding the designated jumper is a minor miracle in itself!).

ABOVE: Tom Prydie, who became Wales' youngest-ever try scorer against South Africa.

It quickly spread to the equally-crucial breakdown area, with lost possession and a string of penalties conceded, as the pendulum began to swing against Wales.

Assisted by precise kicking out of hand by fly-half Ruan Pienaar (who also struck three penalties) and an impressive try, South Africa clawed their way back to go into the interval just two points behind at 16-14.

Within two minutes of the restart, the visitors went ahead with a converted try; Stephen Jones reduced arrears with a penalty, but the so-called makeshift Springboks then asserted their pedigree with another penalty and converted try to stretch their lead to 19-31.

To their credit, Welsh heads did not drop and in fact they scored an excellent try of their own, finished off with aplomb in the corner by Porthcawl youngster Tom Prydie.

The home team now needing just a converted try to secure a draw at least.

Even though South Africa promptly restored their 10-point lead with yet another penalty, battling Wales still refused to throw in the towel and their all-out effort was rewarded when replacement lock Alun Wyn Jones barged over for a last-minute try, converted by the ever-reliable Stephen Jones.

It was all too late, however, with the referee's whistle calling time on an agonisingly narrow 34-31 win to South Africa, their 22nd in 24 encounters between the two countries.

At the end, Gatland's frustration with his charges was palpable, for more than anyone the New Zealander knew this was a unique opportunity lost to gain an edge over depleted opponents whom Wales will next face in the opening round of the Rugby World Cup.

While yet again, Welsh effort could not be faulted, the reality is that the Springboks side they meet then will be a much mightier force than the thrown-together team they failed to overcome on Saturday.

The trenchant after-match comments by opposing skipper John Smit put the result in a sobering context: "*I thought we were pretty ordinary... but we got what we wanted. It's good to know you have these guys to fall back on when people are out through poor form or injury***…"**

Wales, likewise, would happily have settled for a morale-boosting three-point win before setting off for two demanding tests in New Zealand – but that was not to be.

In truth, though, of far more pressing concern to the coaches should be the costly failings in execution and discipline, both up front and behind, that all too often hand the initiative to opponents and prevent the squad fulfilling their primary goal – precision and consistency from first to last whistle.

Unless these issues are finally resolved, it is difficult to see how this undoubtedly improving Welsh squad can realistically hope to break out of rugby's 'second division' and into the top five in time for the ultimate test – next year's World Cup.

Meanwhile, more immediately, the formidable All Blacks lie in wait, and they will have far more demanding questions for Gatland's men to answer.

BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Runaway victories for first and second teams

BARRY Athletic bowlers hit top form last weekend, with the first and second teams recording a notable club double.

Both squads picked up 12 points from their respective matches to boost their private greens season.

The first string came away from Llanbradach with an 89–80 triumph in their PG1 curtain raiser, in what was a close encounter throughout.

There were wins on three rinks, with Dean Rees skipping the top rink with a 26–20 success. Chris Blake and Robert Horgan also registered narrow victories.

Scores: Barry Athletic v Llanbradach:

S McKernan, C Spillane, K Harris, G Thomas 16–17;

J Ball, G Gane, G Whittaker, D Rees 26 –20;

D Snelling, J Donovan, B Parrish, C Blake 22–21;

L Stanley, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 25–22.

The 'A' team marked their first PG2 home fixture of the term with a superb 105 – 54 win over Barry Plastics at the Island.

They collected their 12 points, and an overwhelming win, thanks to runaway scores from skips Bill Summerell and Billy Wright.

Bill Summerell's lineup excelled throughout, with Paul Webley's experience at No3 an asset, while front men Alan Thomas and Paul Clarke played their part in a 35–9 top rink display.

Billy Wright celebrated his 70th birthday in style, coming home with a 30–7 score. Skip Ivor Stevenson contributed to the overall total with a 22 –9 victory.

Gareth Humphreys was involved in a thriller. His rink led 18–16 going into the last end but were denied the win that would have given Athletic a clean sweep, when the visitors snatched three shots to steal a consolation two points.

Scores: Barry Athletic v Barry Plastics:

E Booker, D Coombs, G Green, B Wright 30–17;

A Thomas, P Clarke, P Webley, B Summerell 35–9; C Phillips, B Turner, A Mintern, I Stevenson 22–9;

A Pidduck, J Morton, D Evans, G Humphreys 18–19.

Patience earns the Barry Wanderers victory at Lisvane

LISVANE v BARRY WANDERERS

ALMOST inevitably, skipper Keir lost the toss and unsurprisingly on a muggy day, with what looked a hard wicket for the batsmen to enjoy, he was asked to field first.

It was probably a good toss to lose, as Keir would have batted if he had won the toss.

Williams and Parton opened the bowling for the visitors and it became apparent that the pitch was a treacherous one. Balls were bouncing greatly but slowly off a length and the tennis ball bounce made things difficult.

Williams claimed the first wicket of Norris when he was caught at gully by Lanagan.

This brought Nick Edwards to the crease, and he got off the mark with a sumptuous off drive for four. He was the only Lisvane batsman to make scoring look easy. He wasn't really supported by his team mates, with Peter Allen falling to Williams thanks to a great catch by Johnson for 17 and Sharma going for a bright and breezy 20, providing the only other Lisvane resistance.

Gareth Hughes picked up 2 for 30, including the prize wicket of Edwards for 37, but the stars of the show with the ball were Neil Blundell and John Williams, who picked up four wickets apiece and only went for 13 and 16 runs respectively. They mopped up the tail and although Nolan hit 22, the hosts were all out in the 37th over for 119.

A good performance with notably Ridgwell and Johnson taking spectacular catches.

Usually, 120 to win would seem a foregone conclusion, but with the minefield of a pitch causing chaos, anything was possible, particularly with Lanagan falling early for 9.

This brought Aled Hughes to the crease and together with Pete Webb, they put on 43 for the second wicket. Hughes eventually fell for 11 and there were a few nerves rattling around the Wanderers on the side of the field.

Webb continued on his merry way, though, and it took a fine catch from Norris at slip off Sharma to remove him for a very good 47.

This left the Wanderers needing 33 to win from 24 overs.

After smashing his way to an unbeaten 57 against Aberystwyth University on Monday, a different kind of innings was required from Ridgwell to firstly ensure his side victory, but also secondly to make sure any victory was achieved with the maximum points possible.

It wasn't pretty or one for thrill seekers, but Ridgwell and Blundell batted watchfully and with great nerve to make sure the visitors reached their target with 7 wickets remaining, securing an excellent 25 point victory.

The winning runs came in the 38th over, which gives some idea of their patience and it was exactly what their captain wanted from them.

As a team, it was a great improvement from the display against Blaengarw a fortnight ago.

The David Lush Butchers BWCC man of the match was John Williams. **AF**

Sully make schools' rugby league finals

THE finalists for the South Wales Scorpions IntroTeach/IntroSport Primary Schools Cup on Sunday, June 13 at The Gnoll in Neath have been confirmed.

The Scorpions Primary Schools Cup is just one part of 'Super Sunday' at The Gnoll which sees an A international between Wales and Ireland at 12pm and South Wales Scorpions taking on Swinton Lions in a Co-operative Championship 1 game at 3pm.

A total of 12 teams have qualified for the schools finals, following six regional festivals throughout south Wales.

The 12 schools have been separated into three groups of four, with the group winners and best placed runners-up qualifying for the semi-finals at 1.45pm.

Group A – Parc Y Tywyn (Burry Port); Georgetown (Tredegar); Llanyrafon (Cwmbran); Laugharne (Carmarthen).

Group B – Lon Las (Swansea); Litchard (Bridgend); Johnstown (Carmarthen); Pontnewydd (Cwmbran).

Group C – Bettws (Newport); Coedffranc (Neath); Sully (Cardiff); Swiss Valley (Llanelli).

Llandow circuit charity event

A CHARITY track day at Llandow motor circuit on Wednesday expects to raise more than £1,200 for both the local Ed Evans Foundation and for Combat Stress, the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society.

Organiser Christopher Darwin explained: "The event provides an opportunity for drivers to experience speed in their own cars in a safe but interesting environment. Spectators will be welcome and free.

"We have been running fundraising events at motor circuits for several years; this will be our fourth event at Llandow and we hope to bring the total to £10,000."

The Ed Evans Foundation was established in 2006 and has already raised more than £100,000 for Cancer Research Wales and other charities. See www.edevansfoundation.co.uk

Combat Stress is the UK's leading military charity specialising in the care of veterans' mental health. See www.combatstress.org.uk